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Your Richland Neighborhood Association (RNA) is working hard for you to have a beautiful and safe neighborhood with fun family events, and more. Look for your RNA Membership invitation that will be mailed to you soon in January 2022. The annual fee is only \$50, and you may contribute more if you would like. So be a part of this awesome neighborhood by joining RNA! Thank you, neighbor!



Spring Fling!





Block Parties

Crime Watch Patrol





2021-22 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 21 Winter Solstice
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 17 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day

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Fall Festival

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President's Message

Richland Neighborhood Association Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

DEAR NEIGHBORS.

There is a new vitality in the air in Richland Park/Oaks. You could feel it during the Fall Festival, National Night Out and while walking in the neighborhood. I am not sure if it is due to the fact we are slowly coming out of Covid, the promises of cooler weather, new young families moving into the neighborhood or a combination of all three. I am so excited for the coming year and sharing some plans your RNA board has for the neighborhood.

We have just elected your new Richland Neighborhood Association board at the general meeting on November 13, with 4 new members who will each bring new ideas and expertise to the board. We are bringing back some old traditions and adding some new events this year. They will be listed in the body of this newsletter.

We have created a vision statement for the neighborhood:

The Mission of the RNA is to assure beauty, safety and a feeling of community.

We also have identified a goal for getting all the new events and projects completed. We challenge everyone in the neighborhood to sign up to volunteer once during the year. If we have a lot volunteering a little, we do not have to have a few doing a lot. We could get so much accomplished if everyone gives a little of their time.

Some volunteer opportunities could be signing up for a 2 hour shift at one of our events. If you have 2-3 hours a month you could become a part of our crime watch patrol. If you have around 15 hours to donate during the month of February and March you could become part of our block captains to help support our membership drive. All of these opportunities are explained and described in more detail in the newsletter.

This is an exciting time for Richland Park/Oaks. In order to accomplish our goals and projects we need for everyone to join the association this year. We have not raised our dues for over 10 years and as you know everything has gone up. We are raising it to \$50.00, but if you pay your dues by April 1, you will get a \$5.00 discount.

We tend to have dues trickle in all year and it is very hard to plan events if we don't know what funds will be available. If everyone paid their dues by April 1st, it would help us with planning events.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season full of family, friends and amazing food. Looking forward to 2022!

D'Nelle Lyons **RNA** President



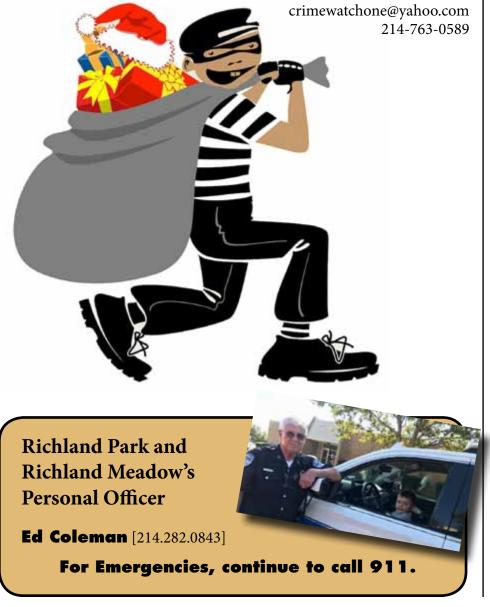
CRIME Crime Watch Report

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HI NEIGHBORS.

Hope all is well with you and your family. Once again it's time to think safety. While setting out Christmas trash don't place out boxes showing off the big screen TV, or Xbox, play station, or any other high ticket items. Your neighbors aren't the only ones driving down our alleys. Cut the box up and place in a black trash bag. No need to advertise your gifts.

Crime is still down in our area except car burglaries. Lock your cars and take everything out of it. While out shopping be aware of things and people around you. Don't be a victim. Have a safe holiday.



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Bob McClure

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.).

NEW RICHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD

We are excited to announce the new board for 2022. We have some returning members and some new members. It is a dedicated board that is ready for a new year and making plans for 2022. Please get to know them.



2022 Richland Neighborhood Association Board

- President D'Nelle Lyons
- Vice- President Michael Spencer
- Secretary Carol Harris
- Treasurer Sandy Jones
- Membership Ann Brophy
- Newsletter Karla Weesner
- Social Activities David Kirkland
- Database-social media Barry Propes
- Beautification Jerry Walker chairman
- Beautification Michael Bahr- co-chairman
- Beautification Millie Harrison- co-chairman
- Crime Watch Bob McClure
- Block Captain coordinator Open
- Advisor Carolyn Sherman
- Advisor Dave Harrison

Committee

- Volunteer coordinator Liz Witherington
- Media design coordinator Margaux Loera
- Parade coordinator Amanda Martinez
- Journalist Open

RNA GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting looked a little different this year because of the pandemic. We were not allowed to use the elementary facility because of Covid therefore we had the meeting



on the elementary school parking lot on Saturday afternoon, November 13 at 3:30. We had a good attendance from the neighborhood.

Don Magner, Assistant City Manager, gave updates on the Core (Richardson downtown project) and the projects that will start soon because of all of the bonds passing in November. The library and civic center will be renovated and many roads and sidewalks throughout the city will be repaired and replaced.

New City Council members Arefin Shamsul and Joe Corcoran were also there to answer questions. It was a very informative meeting. Big thanks to Dan Magner, Arefin Shamsul and Joe Corcoran for their attendance and support.

Thank You to the 2021 RNA Board Members

A big thank you to the 2021 board for your dedication and commitment to our neighborhood.

Secretary

Carolyn Sherman who took great notes at every meeting and kept us on tract. She is also always ready to help with all of the RNA projects throughout the year. She has been so valuable to our neighborhood.

Treasurer

Sandy Jones puts in countless hours to record all the membership dues and write the checks for our many events and projects. She is so supportive and gives good financial advice to our association. She is a treasure to our neighborhood.

Beautification

Michael Bahr has been instrumental in getting the new sign toppers installed working with the sign topper company and the city to complete this project. Michael has done a wonderful job over the years for our neighborhood and his touch can be seen in many of the beautification projects throughout the neighborhood.

Beautification Co-Chair

Millie Harrison has helped Michael in enhancing our entrances. She is always ready to help with projects.

Newsletter

Karla Weesner along with her husband Jay have done an incredible job of putting our quarterly newsletters together. We are the envy of many other city Neighborhood Associations. She has also worked hard to get almost enough advertisements to pay for the newsletter.

Database and Social Media

Barry Propes has done a great job of creating a data base with all the RNA members and information. He also puts information on our Richland Neighborhood web site and provides information for our Crime Watch patrol. We could not do this without his input.

Activities

better. Stay tuned.

Crime Watch

Bob McClure is instrumental in keeping our neighborhood safe by organizing our Crime Watch patrol and spending many hours patrolling the neighborhood himself. There are several new

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David Kirkland has done a great job of providing activities for our neighborhood. Last spring, he set up a paper shredding opportunity for our neighborhood. He did an amazing job of organizing and implementing the Fall Festival. Anybody who was there can attest to all the organization and work that went into making this a great event. More plans are going on for this year that are even bigger and

members to our crime watch this year which is so helpful in keeping this neighborhood safe.

Advisor

David Harrison is always ready with good information and advises on our many projects and endeavors.

A special thank you also to Liz Wethington who has helped us get volunteers for our events and Margaux Loera who designed our General Meeting poster.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2022 **BOARD MEMBERS**

Carol Harris (Secretary) and Ann Brophy (Membership) are both longtime residents of Richland Park.

Michael Spencer (Vice President) and Jerry Walker (Beautification) are new to our neighborhood. We welcome them to the board and are looking forward to working with them.

Shout Out

I would like to give a Shout Out to D'Nelle Lyons. The last couple of years it has been hard to get volunteers for some of our offices and rather than let them drop off, D'Nelle has stepped up as President and also worked tirelessly on Membership and recruiting Block Captains.

> Sandy Jones Treasurer Nov 28, 2021

Block Captains Barbeque and Brainstorming



The 2022 Block captains met for a backyard barbeque and brainstorming event. They discussed how to make the neighborhood have more of a feeling of community (part of our mission statement) and increase membership to be able to accomplish more for our neighborhood. We would like to have two block captains per block, because there are some really long blocks in our neighborhood.



We are still in need of a few captains and co-captains for some of our blocks. Listed above are the blocks still in need of block captains and/or co-block We are still in the need of block captains or co-captains for: 400 Birch (co-captain) 400 Fieldwood (co-captain) 600 Fieldwood circle (co-captain) 400-500 Harvest Glen (co-captain) 600 Harvest Glen (co-captain) 1100-1200 Richland Oaks (co-captain) 400 Tiffany Trail (co-captain) 600 Wentworth (co-captain) 1100-1200 Whispering Oaks (captain) 400 Winding Brook (captain) 400 River Oaks (captain) 1100-1200 Whispering Oaks (captain and co-captain) 400 Winding Brook (captain)

Please email <u>president@richlandhoa.com</u> if you would like to volunteer for any of these blocks. Thanks in advance for your help.



captains. The responsibilities of a block captain are to meet your neighbors, encourage them to join the RNA, get information for our Crime Watch patrol and give out Welcome bags to new neighbors, (bags are provided for you). We also encourage block captains to get neighbors together by having block parties, sitting in your front yard to meet neighbors walking by, and generating a feeling of community where you know your neighbors.

We are going to have a meeting the end of February 2022 to get information to canvas the neighborhood in March. We want to encourage everyone to join the association before April 1st to get a \$5.00 discount on their membership dues. It will not take a lot of your time, especially if we can get two captains per block. So please consider being a block captain, which will be a great help to the neighborhood.



2022 RICHLAND PARK / RICHLAND OAKS BLOCK CAPTAINS

Street Name
400 Birch
500 Birch
600 Birch
400 Country Side Lane
400 Fieldwood
600 Fieldwood
400 Goodwin
500 Goodwin
600 Goodwin
400 Harvest Glen
500 Harvest Glen
600 Harvest Glem
1100 Hilton
Lois Lane
400 Park Bend Drive
600 Park Bend Drive
1100 Richland Oaks
1200 Richland Oaks Dr
400 River Oaks Dr
400 Sheffield
500 Sheffield
600 Sheffield
400 Stillmeadow
500 Stillmeadow
600 Stillmeadow
400 Tall Oaks
400 Tiffany Trail
500 Tiffany Trail
600 Tiffany Trail
500 Wentworth
600 Wentworth
1100 Whispering Oaks
1200 Whispering Oaks
400 Winding Brook

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Block Captains and/or Co-Captains
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Ann Brophy
John Mosler
Angela McCant
Cassie McCampbell
 Jill Williams
 Pam Crum
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Janet Maher
John Rice
Rose Penential
Michael Spencer
Michael Spencer D'Nelle & Gary Lyons
Matt Tillinghart
Logan Burgess
Jeff Dobbs
Yeni Gutierrez
Rachel Miller Connie McClung
Sharon Miller
Phil Cullens Jerry Creacy
Dave & Millie Harrison
Open
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2021 Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was a huge success. We had a large attendance of both long-term residents and new residents. The food truck supplied delicious Mexican food, and the petting zoo was once again a big hit with our children. The addition of the pirate ship ride was so much fun and a big hit with people of all ages. The maze entertained many children all evening, and the face painter created face art for many.

We had a booth selling homemade canned candied jalapeno and jams. At the Fall Festival we worked to have activities for all ages.

We would like to expand on this momentum with our Spring Fling that will take place on April 22nd. We are adding a parade through the neighborhood that will start at the school and wind through the neighborhood and end back at the school to open the Spring Fling. In the past, the parade was a big success so we want to reinstate it. Plan now for your children, dance group, scout group, vintage cars etc. to be a part of our neighborhood parade. If you want to be a part of the amazing Spring Fling, please email Liz Witherington at Communication@richlandhoa. com who will give you a list of volunteer opportunities.



















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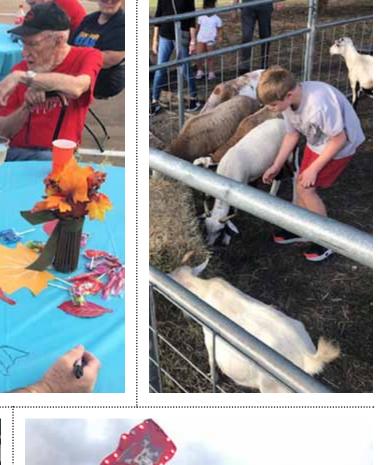






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2021 Fall Festival





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT was on Tuesday, October 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It was held in the Park on Lois Lane and Park Bend. TJ's Hot Dog Truck provided some great food, and music was provided by Jon Altimore. This year the city did the food drive a little different. Donations were dropped off at the Police Station at 200 N. Greenville Ave.

The turnout for National Night Out was very impressive from the neighbors to the fire and police departments. We were well represented in all categories.

Thanks to all who came out to support our Crime Watch and the Richardson response teams, the police and the fire department.









Spring Event and Parade

We are going to plan some events that have been very successful the last couple of years and some that we are bringing back from the past. We are planning a Spring Fling Festival for April 22.

In past years we had a parade in the neighborhood that gave our children a time to shine. They can decorate their bikes, wagons and be a part of the parade. If someone in the neighborhood has a classic car they want to show off, organizations such as girl and boy scouts, dance troops, or bands, please feel free to join! The parade will line up at the elementary school west parking lot, go through the neighborhood, escorted by the police or possibly a fire truck, and end back at the school to open the spring event.

We have a committee that has volunteered to plan this event. The parade was a highlight for many of the children in the past who grew up in Richland Park. Get your group(s) together, details will come out in our spring newsletter.

Little Free Library

The little library has been very busy. A special thanks to Susan Fenner and Eric and Nancy Endick for their large donation to our library. If you have books, children or adults, please drop them off at 523 Stillmeadow. They will be placed in the library as there is room. Please put your name on your donation so we can thank you for your generosity.

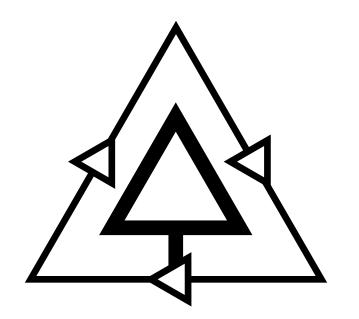
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GOODWIN BLOCK PARTY









"Treecycle" your Christmas tree

"Treecycle" your Christmas tree after the holidays When the holidays are over, don't forget to "tree cycle" your Christmas tree. Through a partnership with the City, Texas Pure Products takes the Christmas trees and turns them into mulch, which Richardson residents can then purchase at a discounted rate.

Trees must be natural and with all ornaments, tinsels, lights, etc. removed. From Dec. 17-Feb. 1, 2022, Richardson residents may "treecycle" by dropping off trees 24 hours/day at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. or by requesting a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC).

Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting. You can request BABIC by calling 972-744- 4111, online at www.cor.net/babic or through the MyRichardson app.



YARD AWARDS

We have some incredible yards in Richland Park/Oaks and we want to bring back the yard awards to recognize all the effort that goes into creating a beautiful yard and to foster a little friendly competition. We are planning on a Spring, Summer and Fall yard award along with Halloween and Christmas awards. Awards will be given to 5-6 homeowners for each session and holiday.

We need volunteers to do the judging of the yards, and would like a committee of 4-5 for each award period. It should be a fun activity. You can sign up for judging one time or several if this is something you love to do. The requirements for the committee will be to choose 5-6 homes for an award, place a sign, provided for you, in their front yard, take a picture of the home for the newsletter and write up a short article with information, such as address and homeowner name to be included in the neighborhood newsletter. The awards will only go to members of the association so you will also need to check on their membership status before giving an award.



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Flags are placed out for President's Day (3rd Monday in February), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day (first Monday in September plus 9/11), Veterans Day (November 11) They are placed out the week-end before the event and will be out for one week. https://richardsonrotary.wildapricot.org

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RECYCLE COLLECTION DAY AFFECTED BY HOLIDAY
Thursday, Dec. 23
Friday, Dec. 24
Thursday, Dec. 30
Friday, Dec. 31

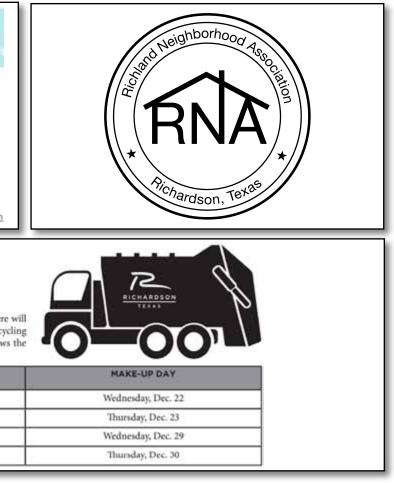


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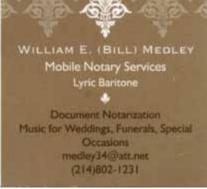
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