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CARNIFALL WAS A GREAT TIME! Thanks to all who came out to ride, eat, and catch up with neighbors.



2025 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Presidents Days

MARCH

- 4 Mardi Gras
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins

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President's Message

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

This is a time of year for us to focus on what we are thankful for. I make up a list each year of all the things I am thankful for, and the list gets longer every year. As I get older the list includes more things like family, friends, health, and community instead of concrete items. I have learned that what is most important are the connections we make and the support we can give to others, and not the things we own.

I am thankful for my husband and his support of all my volunteering and my, many times, crazy schedule. My three daughters and their families, which includes five amazing granddaughters—yes lots of girls—bring so much joy into my life.

This neighborhood, where I have lived for forty years, has allowed me to make many lifelong friends of all ages over the years. They have made my life so much richer because of their presence in my life.

My health is something I appreciate more as I get older, especially after I had an accident last year and broke my hip. With everything that happens in our life, good or bad, I think we can find something to be grateful for during these times. During the time I was recuperating I received so many cards, meals, flowers, and friends dropping by to check on me after my accident, I felt very blessed.

None of our lives are perfect, but if we could look at what we have, instead of what we do not, I think we would all be much more content. Helping each other also makes me appreciate what I have, because so many have so much less.

I love this neighborhood and appreciate the great community we have. It is a great community because of all of you! Become more involved; it will enrich your life. There are so many opportunities during the year, check them out and come out and meet your neighbors.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday and a blessed and healthy new year.

BERKNER HIGH SCHOOL STEM ACADEMY

Berkner High School is now the Berkner STEM academy. I toured the newly remodeled STEM academy, the SMART bank, and the expanded cosmetology salon last month. It is very impressive what is being offered at the high school. The RNA would like to set up a tour for anyone in the neighborhood who would like to see what is going on at our feeder high school. The tour, presented by the students, will be sometime in February during the day. Let me know if you are interested and I will send out further information as the time and date are secured.

D'Nelle Lyons
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Crime Watch Report

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

HI NEIGHBORS,

National Night Out (NNO) was a great success. Over 90 people showed up representing at least 40 households on Tuesday, October 1, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.



Many enjoyed TJ's Dawg House hot dogs and visited with their neighbors. Later in the evening, the children played with beachballs containing a blue flashing light cube, and/or received glow bracelets. A truck came from NETWORK and was pleased with the amount of canned goods that were donated to the food bank. Our DJ provided the music background for a festive evening.



Several police officers visited and passed out treats to the children. As we were wrapping up, the Richardson Fire Department came by and delighted the remaining children as they listened to the fireman explain and show off his big red truck!



We look forward to seeing all of you, and more, again next year. Mark October 7, 2025, on your calendar for National Night Out !

The Richardson Police Department is currently experiencing technical difficulties posting crime information, so I am unaware of incidents. Regardless, RPD cautions us to be watchful neighbors to keep crime in our neighborhood down. Call 911. Do not try to scare the perpetrators away. RPD would like to catch them in the act!



As always, LOCK YOUR CARS and do not leave anything in them. Be sure to CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOOR if you are not working in your garage and monitor who might enter your garage.

With the holiday season upon us, RPD reminds us to beware of Porch Pirates who will steal our purchases. Consider delivery



alerts, asking a trusted neighbor to pick up your package, or having delivery to your job, a P.O. Box, a self-service locker, or picking up the package at the store.

Afterward, product packaging should be cut down and placed in trash bags so as not to advertise your recent purchases in the alleys. Crooks will drive our alleys and "shop."

Consider adding a video doorbell camera to your gift list for yourself.



If you plan to be away during the holidays, be aware that RPD has a free House Watch Program. Trained "Volunteers in Police Service" will check on your home for up to four weeks, as their schedule permits. To get additional information or sign up, go to www.cor.net/HouseWatch, or call the RPD's Community Relations unit at 972-744-4955.

If you shop at night, take someone with you so both of you appear less vulnerable.

Have a safe, happy holiday season,

Carol Levy
CrimeWatchCoord.for.RNA@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

We are going to make a few changes to our activities this year. We have a new Activities Chairperson, Charlie Patchen, and we are looking for some different types of activities for all ages.

We plan to keep some events, but also add some old ones that we have not had for a while, such as the bike rodeo. David Kirkland, our long-time activity chairperson will be serving as co-chairman and will help with creating fun things to do.

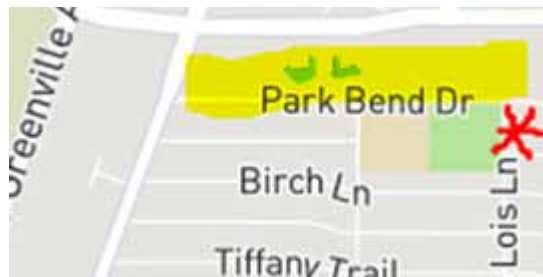
If you have any suggestions for events, social get-togethers, or ideas you would like to see the RNA sponsor, let us know!



TRASH BASH

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the "Trash Bash" neighborhood pickup on the second Saturday of each month. We are so pleased to see the volunteers working together to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. Each month RNA supplies the trash bags and grabbers, and we pick up along Walnut Street, Audelia Road, Park Bend Drive, and around Richland Park.

Trash Bash signs are displayed around the neighborhood boundaries the week before the Saturday meetup. The volunteers gather near Richland Park at 9am off Lois Lane near the tennis courts.*



DAVE HARRISON

With great sadness I would like to announce the passing this past summer of one of our Richland Neighborhood Board members, Dave Harrison. Dave had been on the board for over ten years. He and his wife Millie are original owners of their home on Wentworth and have both been very involved in the neighborhood for many years.

Dave was married to his middle school sweetheart, Millie Southers since 1960 before being sent to Stuttgart, Germany to begin his 4-year Army career. After being honorably discharged, he sold mutual funds for a short time before joining Comex Service Corporation in 1967, where he would spend the rest of his business career, initially based in Frankfurt, Germany. After living in Germany for 19 years he moved to Richardson in 1976. In 1983 the company was renamed CXC Marketing, Inc. Dave continued as President until his retirement.

He had a great love for football, especially the University of Georgia where he received his bachelor's degree in business and the Dallas Cowboys after his move to Texas in 1976.

He will be missed; he was always very supportive of the RNA board and of this neighborhood. Rest in Peace Dave.

RNA GENERAL MEETING



Thank you to all who attended the RNA yearly general meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. Don Magner gave an update of what is going on in the city. Some exciting news, the Dream Café is moving into the former GAPCO location in Lockwood. This will be a wonderful addition to this area. The Main Street apartments are open and around 100 have already been leased. A pizza restaurant has moved into one of the commercial spaces and another restaurant is getting ready to open.

Bill Gattus gave us an update on what is going on at Richland Elementary. He has been remarkably busy since he became principal last year. He has formed numerous clubs to support the many interests of the students. He is looking for volunteers to make the school a true neighborhood school with neighborhood support. If you want to tour the school and check out what is going on and how you can become involved notify the school and set up a time to tour.

Lindsey Turman, Community Services Director talked of the many services of the city when it comes to keeping the city of Richardson beautiful, including a new program called Home Sweet Home that will be implemented next year.

Thank you again to all who attended; we appreciate your time in learning new ways to become involved and seeing what is going on in the city and your neighborhood.

STREET REPAIRS

Streets were discussed at the general meeting, especially the 400 and 500 blocks of Tiffany Trail. The city engineers evaluated these two blocks, and it requires a complete redo which will need to be part of a bond election. In the meantime, it was suggested by the city that these streets, along with other deteriorated streets, be repaired by using asphalt to make them safer and more drivable until the next bond election. Richardson workers are going through the entire city

evaluating streets. The areas are divided into 28 sections. We are section 24, and they are currently on section 20. Due to cost and the time needed to make repairs, only one section can be completed each year. Therefore, we are still about four years out from getting the new streets replaced. We can opt for asphalt until it is our turn for replacements. The use of asphalt option will not delay the repairs, just make the streets more drivable in the meantime. Your RNA board will be working with the city to ensure asphalt repairs are made to our streets.

2025 RNA BOARD OFFICERS

At the general meeting the following people were nominated and voted in as the 2025 RNA board.

President – D'Nelle Lyons

Vice President – Euan Blackman

Treasurer – Jerry Walker

Secretary – Billie Lara

The following people will serve as Committee Chairs:

Activities – Charlie Patchen

Activities Co-chair – David Kirkland

Beautification – Cathy Coelho

Beautification Co-chair – open

Block Captain – open

Crime Watch – Carol Levy

Membership – open

Newsletter – Karla Weesner

Web & Media – Barry Propes

Volunteers – Jeana Vasquez

Advisory – Carolyn Sherman, Bob McClure

If you would like to serve in any of the positions please contact president@richlandhoa.com.

Let’s congratulate the winners of the “Yard of the Month”!

This year, the Richland Park and Richland Oaks neighborhoods demonstrated exceptional creativity with their unique and imaginative Halloween displays.

As All Hallows’ Eve approached, neighbors transformed their yards into a captivating array of Halloween scenes, each more intriguing than the last. The Halloween “Scary Yard” award was given to a yard-themed after “Pirates of the Caribbean.” This display featured pirate skeletons hanging from a tree, pirate skeletons quarreling over their treasure, and a dog skeleton alongside a scary vulture guarding a pirate cemetery.

Another chilling scene included a cobweb-covered body caught in a spider’s web, two enormous eight-legged creatures crawling nearby, and a creepy cemetery where skeletons appeared rising from the ground.

The award for the most decorated yard was presented to a home that embraced the spirit of Halloween with an array of whimsical and spooky characters strategically positioned every few feet along the garden and front patio. Visitors were greeted by a towering vampire, its cape billowing in the breeze. It was accompanied by playful ghosts that floated ethereally, ghouls peeking from behind tombstones, and witches perched on broomsticks. Beetlejuice added a touch of mischief, while skeletons engaged in a lively game of cards, creating a playful and eerie scene. By day, the yard was a vibrant showcase of Halloween cheer. As evening descended, it transformed into a wonderland illuminated by enchanting lights, casting spooky shadows and creating an atmosphere that was both magical and slightly chilling.

In addition, the “Autumn” awards were presented to those who created the most charming fall decorations. These yards featured multicolored pumpkins, floral displays of mums, adorable scarecrows, straw bales, autumn wreaths, and lanterns.

Congratulations to all the winners!

HALLOWEEN “SCARY YARD” AWARDS



501 Stillmeadow – Mo and Mary Rajabagha



626 Goodwin - Rob & Roseanne Tunnell



657 Goodwin – Scott and Kristin Mitchell

FALL “AUTUMN” AWARDS



528 Goodwin - Sarah Tucker



518 Harvest Glen – Max Cook and Daniela Canales



1236 Richland Oaks - Jeremy & Kathleen Hays

Diverse Holiday Wishes

The Richland Neighborhood Association would like to wish everyone happy holidays. Here are a few that are celebrated in our diverse community.

- **Christmas** — An annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.
- **Hanukkah** — Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- **Kwanzaa** — Kwanzaa honors African American heritage; it is a cultural holiday as opposed to a religious one.
- **Day of Our Lady Guadalupe** — Mexicans and Mexican Americans often celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.
- **Ōmisoka or ōtsugomori** is a Japanese traditional celebration on the last day of the year. Traditionally, it was held on the final day of the 12th lunar month. With Japan’s switch to using the Gregorian calendar at the beginning of the Meiji era, it is now used on New Year’s Eve to celebrate the new year.
- **Boxing Day** is a British holiday celebrated the day after Christmas Day, dating back to the 1800, Boxing Day was once a day to donate gifts to those in need, but it has evolved to become a part of Christmas festivities, with many people choosing to shop for deals on Boxing Day
- **Las Posadas** — A lot of Americans celebrate a Mexican Christmas tradition called Las Posadas, which takes place over more than a week during the holiday season. It is a celebration of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It mimics the biblical story of the parents of Jesus – including a pregnant Mary – traveling far and being forced to take shelter and deliver a baby in a stable.

Whatever holiday you celebrate we wish you a happy holiday full of family, peace, and love.

Thinking of Selling Your Home in the Upcoming Months? Here's How to Get Ready!

If you're considering selling your home in the upcoming months, now is the perfect time to start preparing. A well-prepared home can sell faster and at a better price. Here are some essential steps to ensure your property is market-ready when the time comes:



Declutter and Depersonalize

Begin by decluttering your home. Potential buyers need to envision themselves living in the space, and that's easier to do when your personal items are minimized. Consider renting a storage unit for excess furniture, personal photos, and knick-knacks. The goal is to create a clean, spacious, and neutral environment.

Boost Curb Appeal

First impressions matter. Enhancing your home's curb appeal can make a big difference in attracting buyers. Simple tasks like mowing the lawn, trimming

bushes, adding fresh mulch, and planting seasonal flowers can make your home more inviting. Don't forget to freshen up the front door with a new coat of paint or by replacing outdated hardware.



Tackle Minor Repairs

Small repairs can have a big impact. Fix leaky faucets, replace cracked tiles, repair any holes in walls, and ensure all light fixtures are working. These minor fixes can prevent buyers from being turned off by the prospect of having to do it themselves.



Update Where It Counts

Consider making cost-effective updates in key areas like the kitchen and bathrooms. Fresh paint, new hardware, or even updated lighting can modernize these spaces without breaking the bank. If your budget allows, replacing outdated appliances or countertops can also add significant value.



Deep Clean

A spotless home signals to buyers that it's been well cared for. Deep clean every nook and cranny, including carpets,

windows, and baseboards. If you have pets, be extra vigilant about eliminating odors. A professional cleaning service might be worth the investment to ensure everything sparkles.



Stage Your Home

Staging is about presenting your home in the best possible light. Arrange furniture to showcase the space and flow of your home. Use neutral colors and decor to appeal to the widest range of buyers. Consider hiring a professional stager if possible; their expertise can help your home stand out in the market.



Assess Your Home's Market Value

Work with a real estate agent to assess your home's market value. They can provide a comparative market analysis (CMA) to help you understand the pricing in your area and set a competitive price. Overpricing can lead to your home sitting on the market, while underpricing might leave money on the table.



Prepare Your Paperwork

Gather all relevant documents, such as warranties, repair records, and utility bills. Having this information ready for potential

buyers can streamline the sales process and demonstrate that your home has been well-maintained.



Consult with a Realtor

Finally, consult with a real estate agent early in the process. They can provide valuable advice on what buyers are looking for in your area and guide you through the entire process, from listing to closing.

By taking these steps, you'll be well-prepared to sell your home. A little effort now can go a long way in making your home more attractive to buyers and securing the best possible deal.

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In the Kitchen...Back to the Basics of Eating by Yeni Gutierrez

There are some basic rules for eating and making your kitchen work for you! Let's go through some...

1) Use filtered water to reduce toxins in your body and since you are filtering the water, it would be a good idea to add some minerals back by adding a pinch of Celtic or sea salt (around 5-10 grains). Source: Barbara O'Neill. Speaker, Author of "Self-Heal by Design," Natural Health Educator

2) Reduce high-insulin spikes after eating, by consuming your food in the "Right Order."

a. Start with Vegetables (The fiber protects glucose molecules from arriving too quickly at the intestine and into the blood by reducing the high-insulin spike – Gastric Emptying.)

b. Next, eat Proteins and Fats (This controls the suppression of ghrelin, the hormone that makes us hungry. By eating in the Right Order, it could signal hunger an average of 4-5 hours later, instead of 2 hours after eating, which could reduce the effects of type II diabetes when

lowering the Fasting Glucose Levels.)
c. End the Meal with Carbs, but not required to consume (Subdivided in starches and carbs – includes anything that tastes sweet). High-spikes in insulin are not healthy, but low-spikes are normal. By following the Right Order of eating, it will reduce high spikes in the body. No need to wait in between categories; just follow the intake order of a-b-c. So, hold the bread until after you've eaten veggies, proteins, and fats to make the best and healthiest out of the meal! Source: Jessie Inchauspé, Biochemist – "the Glucose Goddess" and Bestseller Author "Glucose Revolution."

3) Balance vitamins by adding fresh and natural ingredients when eating. Our body is composed of many elements, which require certain levels of vitamins and minerals to better function. Using natural ingredients helps to complement what is missing. It is difficult to overeat veggies because they will be filling. They are not dense in calories and should be the largest portion on your plate. In return, the

levels of fiber increase, and potassium counters the high-level sodium found in processed foods (which we should try to reduce or avoid). Veggies do not need to be boringly steamed, but can be seasoned, cooked, roasted, and built into a more flavorful meal. They can be consumed raw, blended as juices, fermented, sprouted, added to soups, created as a side, or even featured as the main dish! Source Dr. Joseph Mercola, Founder of Mercola.com, Bestselling Author "Effortless Healing" and Health Expert

A clever way to start adding more vegetables is this three-ingredient wonder! Combine 100 grams of each all-purpose flour and steam-cooked sweet potato (still warm). Add 1 tsp. of salt and mix well to create a dough. It is important to weigh ingredients to make them even. Separate into portions and roll into balls. Flatten to 1/8-1/4" thick and cook on medium heat until both sides are done. You can call them tortillas, naan, roti...and it goes well with chicken veggie soup!

IN THE GARDEN...

Try something new this year! Ever considered growing papayas in Richardson?

Well, you can if you want to. Here is how I do it. Buy a ripened papaya (must look darkened like a banana before going black), save the seeds, and enjoy the papaya! Plant the seeds. Keep your new plant inside your home, then plant outside around the 2nd week of April.

Papaya trees need to be replanted every 2 years. Older trees can get bugs and sickness. It takes about 11 months before the tree will bear fruit. (Side note: you can eat up to 10 seeds a day. I save them, dry them, and crush them as a healthy alternative to black pepper).



CITY OR RICHARDSON NEWS

Winter Water Schedule is now in effect

- Starting November 1st, residents can water their yards at any time on their twice-per-week designated watering days to avoid freezing temperatures. (Even house numbers on Tuesday and Saturday and Odd on Wednesday and Sunday)
- If sprinklers run overnight during freezing weather, they can cause dangerous conditions on roads and sidewalks.
- To receive weekly, personalize recommendations on how much water your yard needs, visit www.watermyyard.org

City Secretary received municipal clerk of the year award

- Richardson City Secretary, Aimee Nemer received the 2024 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Award at the Texas Municipal Clerks Association's (TMCA) annual banquet.
- The honor recognizes individuals who exemplify outstanding service to their communities and fellow clerks statewide.
- As a past president of the TMCA, Amiee has a long tenure of service at the state and local level. She has served in every role of the TMCA Executive Board and almost every committee at some point in her Career. If you see Aimee be sure to congratulate her on this great accomplishment.

City Council's Legislature Agenda

- Richardson City Council recently reviewed priorities for the proposed legislature agenda ahead of the 2025 state and federal legislature sessions.
- The agenda, aligned with City Council Goals and Strategies will guide efforts to protect municipal interests and engage with legislators.
- Key priorities include:
 - Maintain the ability of locally elected officials to address the needs of residents and stakeholders.
 - Oppose actions that limit municipalities' home rule authority or impose unfunded mandates, restricting cities' ability to manage resources.
 - Support legislation to restore home rule authority lost in previous legislation.

- Support legislation that ensures the City Council can use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies and pay membership dues to organizations with lobbyists.

Aquatics Master Plan Update

- City Staff provided an update on the development of Aquatic Master Plan, pare of the 2023 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, to determine long-term strategies for aquatic services and facilities in Richardson.
- The study includes an assessment of current facilities, a market analysis, and public input through open houses, stakeholders' meetings, and an online survey.
- Finding included
 - Many neighborhood pools need to be updated and improvements like replastering, ADA upgrades and increased shade.
 - The Northeast Richardson/Breckinridge Park area lacks a nearby pool (over 7 minutes away), and residents have expressed interest in a facility.
 - Many residents have requested an indoor pool for year-round use.
 - After gathering City Council feedback, the planning team hosted follow-up community meetings, completed an additional online survey, and will present it to the Council again in December.
 - Find more information at www.cor.net/aquaticsmasterplan.

Santa's Village 2024

- Huffhines Park has been transformed into Santa's Village, the City's miniature holiday town.
- For over 30 years. The event has hosted children's activities, live entertainment, and the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus.
- The event is open to the public from 6:00-9:00 on December 7, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22.
- On days when the buildings are not open, the village will be open for people to stroll through to take photos on December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Richland Neighborhood Association

2025 Neighborhood Registry

Dear Neighbors:

Please fill out the RNA 2025 registry form and include your dues for 2025. The RNA board uses your funds for a variety of activities for the neighborhood and for the beautification and security of the neighborhood. If you rent or own your home you receive the same services. We encourage renters to become involved in the neighborhood.

This year we are planning to produce a Neighborhood Directory. The information received is **NEVER** shared with outside parties — it's just for neighbors and the neighborhood. Please provide your name and address, and a telephone number. If you do not wish to have your telephone number published in the directory please indicate on the form. The directory is only successful if we receive updated information from every household. Each paid member will receive a directory.

The entire neighborhood is protected by our prize-winning Crime Watch Patrol made possible by trained neighborhood volunteers and supported by the RNA. 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, prowlers, etc.).

Great News! You can now pay your dues quickly and easily via Venmo, in addition to PayPal and check. No more hassle—just use the QR code at the top of the membership form to access electronic payment methods.

Membership Dues are \$50 (\$45 if paid before April 1st, 10% Discount),
starting on January 1st through December 31st, 2025.
Dues may be paid by mail, through Venmo or PayPal at www.richlandhoa.com

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**
 - Summer Neighborhood Event
 - Fall Neighborhood Event
 - Flags for 4th of July
 - National Night Out
 - Richardson Christmas Parade
- **Representation at City of Richardson meetings**
- **Coordination of matching projects with the City of Richardson**
- **Interaction with RISD** (local elementary)
- **RichlandNEWS neighborhood newsletter**
- **Neighborhood Directory**
- **Neighborhood Website** (www.richlandhoa.com) – linked to city’s www.cor.net
- **RNA Social Networking** limited to residents only: <https://richlandhoa.nextdoor.com/>

The RNA board is composed of volunteers who put in many hours to make this neighborhood more secure and give the neighborhood a sense of community. Please join the RNA and help us make this neighborhood even better.

Richland Neighborhood Association (RNA)

2025 Membership Form



Please PRINT clearly or register online at www.richlandhoa.com.
Use the QR code above (your phone’s camera will take you there).

1. Name & Address

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

House Number and Street Name			

2. For Publication in RNA Directory used only by neighbors (*not available to the public*).

Phone Number for Directory (not available to the public) _____

3. For Use Only by Crime Watch Patrol (*garage or entry doors open, security reasons*).

Primary Phone(s) for Crime Watch only _____

4. For communicating RNA meetings, planned events, and alerts (*will not be included in directory*).

E-mail address (*Not for directory*) _____

5. Volunteer Interests: Check each one that interests you! Best time to contact: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch Patrol (2-4 hrs./month) | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain/Co-Captain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Advertising Marketer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Yard Award Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Shredding Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out Help | |

Comments or Suggestions:

☐ Enclosed Check or use PayPal at richlandhoa.com

Annual Dues	\$	50.00
If paid by April 1, 10% Discount	\$	-5.00
Additional Contribution (Not tax deductible)	\$	_____
Total:	\$	_____

Payable to RNA and mail with completed form to:
RNA, P.O. Box 852636, Richardson, TX 75085-2636

THE PLATINUM CLUB CARD

The Platinum Club Card is free for members of the RISD community who are at least 55 years old.

This membership program allows for free or reduced admission to most RISD athletic events and fine arts shows. You need to register online for the new Platinum Club Card – formerly known as the Silver AdvantAGE card – for free access to the school district’s games and shows.

Members will get access to other RISD events and special learning opportunities throughout the school year. Members will receive a monthly calendar of events along with details on other membership perks via email.

Spaces are limited to events, and Platinum Club Card members must sign up to attend.

The Platinum Club Card enables members to attend school district activities held in Richardson ISD facilities, including school concerts, musicals, plays, athletic events, and much more, free of charge. The only exception is varsity football games and UIL playoff games.

RISD VOLUNTEERING

RISD uses VOLY, a volunteer management system, to post volunteer opportunities and find volunteers. To volunteer on an RISD campus, you will need to create a VOLY account by visiting the VOLY website.

Richardson ISD requires every volunteer to pre-register with VOLY annually to be eligible for volunteer opportunities during each school year. RISD also requires each volunteer to undergo a background check before working with students.

You will be prompted to complete the background check during the VOLY account creation or preregistration process. Watch for background check approval, which can take up to a week.

Once approved, you will be able to sign up directly for volunteer opportunities through the VOLY platform. Stay on the lookout for new opportunities for your campus as well as other district opportunities!

RICHLANDNEWS Advertising Rates

The **RICHLANDNEWS** newsletter is published quarterly and delivered to the Richland Park/Oaks neighborhoods.

Listed below are two options for placing an advertisement.

Option 1: Send payment (RNA, P.O. Box 852636, Richardson, TX 75085-2636) and advertisement in by due date. If advertisement is on file we will use the current ad until a replacement is sent. You will receive a 10% discount if you are a Richland Neighborhood Association (RNA) member.


Option 2: Pay for your advertisement for a full year and receive an additional 10% discount along with the 10% discount if you are a RNA member.

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