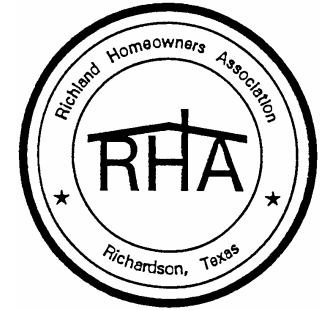


RICHLAND NEWS



Richland Park/Richland Oaks Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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March 2008

CALENDAR

March	Join the RHA Month
March 9	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 14	RISD Student Holiday
March 17-21	RISD Spring Break
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 21	Deadline to turn in Crime Watch form
March 23	Easter Sunday
March 27	Richland Elem. Multicultural Night
April 5	Neighborhood Trash Pick Up Day
April 19	Picnic in the Park and Bike Rodeo



Negotiating the neighborhood is a challenge these days but the City of Richardson expects the project to be finished this year.

Work on Abrams Road moves forward

According to City of Richardson (COR) officials, northbound paving operations on Abrams have begun with all thru traffic detoured to Greenville Avenue between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Local traffic is scheduled to be detoured on Tiffany, Sheffield, Birch, Fieldwood and Park Bend as the paving operation moves north through the area. Tiffany's new water line has now been installed and re-paving is in progress in anticipation of the detour.

Northbound paving operations in the constricted residential area between Tiffany and Park Bend have begun with the section between Park Bend and Centennial set to begin March 27.

Following the paving operation in the constricted residential area, north and southbound traffic will again be allowed on Abrams Road.

COR anticipates each section to take approximately seven days to complete the main lanes. In addition, another couple of weeks will be needed in each section to finish driveways, alleys, and intersections. **North and southbound traffic will remain on Abrams Road but will be stopped in each direction for a short duration and flagged around equipment. Residents affected by alley closures will receive a separate letter advising them of the progress.**

The 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. construction timeline is designed to accelerate the paving operation and reduce necessary detour days. COR is also working with Richland Elementary to minimize student-related traffic issues.

For information, call Construction Inspector, Brad Lovett, 972-744-4453, Construction Manager, Jodie Pennington, 972-744-4456 or Henry Drexel, 972-744-4278 / e-mail henry.drexel@cor.gov.

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Curtis Dorian

President's Message

Dear Residents,

I want to introduce myself as your new president for our Richland Homeowners' Association. I hope I can live up to the tremendous job Charlie Patchen has performed all these years.

I want to applaud our Board and volunteers. Without their every day efforts, none of the projects we have come accustomed to and rely on, would exist. This is a great neighborhood. We are very fortunate to have good neighbors who take pride in its future.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events will include a **Spring Picnic in the Park and Bike Rodeo on Saturday, April 19.**

The **Spring General Homeowners' Meeting is scheduled for May.**

We meet with the City of Richardson (COR) in April to determine the new, upcoming designs for screening walls and additional entry designs.

I also want to mention our web-site. **Brian Smith** has done an exceptional job of keeping our site well maintained and up to date. Please take time to review the information in this newsletter as well as visit www.richlandhoa.com

Our membership drive is **ON**. If you have not received a membership form and neighborhood questionnaire in your mail, this newsletter has them for your convenience. A membership form is on page 13 and the survey is on pages 5 and 6. If you have questions, contact your Block Captain. A list of captains is on page 9.

As you have seen, highlights of the Abrams Road Project are on our front page. I will send the complete letter from the COR to residents for whom we have e-mail addresses.

I am here to serve you. If you have any suggestions, concerns or just want to talk; contact me at president@richlandhoa.com or call 972/235-0230 (home) or 214/698-9936 (office). My door is open!

Sincerely,

Curtis Dorian

Curtis Dorian, President, RHA

NOTE: This year the Board is sponsoring a Spring picnic in April rather than an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The Board is hopeful that a picnic will appeal to neighbors of every age. Watch the next newsletter for details.

INFORMATION

New officers elected at annual fall Homeowners' Meeting

Reports on budget, crime, & beautification plus area development take center stage



Curtis Dorian
President



Ken Schuman
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Bill Greenhaw
Treasurer

Budget: Treasurer, **Bill Greenhaw**, reported that membership is stable with 548 out of 965 households paying dues for 2007. Matching funds from the City of Richardson are being used to improve neighborhood entrances. The Board will continue to apply for funds as appropriate. The Board is also rethinking budget and spending for 2008. A follow-up will be presented at the spring meeting.

Architecture, Landscaping & Beautification: **Curtis Dorian** reported that HOA funds and COR matching funds will upgrade Audelia Road and Lois Lane entrances. Progress continues on the Walnut entrances with entry beds, planned lighting, and improvements on the medians. Signage in the entry medians will replace the aging signs (now missing many letters) on screening walls. In all, seven entrances will be revitalized by the city. The screening wall on Park Bend (funded during last year's bond election) is expected to begin in August 2008.

Crime: **Bob McClure** reported that crime stats through October included: 11 thefts from motor vehicles, 18 actual motor vehicle thefts, 22 burglaries and 4 breaking and enterings. Recommendations for added safety include: locking your back door; varying the neighborhood entrances you use; closing your garage door—ALWAYS—and turning outside lights on each night (front AND back). Mail theft is also on the rise so it is recommended that residents have locking mailboxes or a mail chute through the fence. Most burglaries come through garage doors. Finally, please join your neighborhood crime watch group. (A form is on page 11 of this newsletter.)

Guest speaker Kimberly Schofield, an entomologist from Texas A&M Urban Solutions Center, talked about community-based methods for controlling Texas fire ants.

City Leaders, Gary Slagel, City Council Place 4, Bob Townsend, City Council Place 1 & Mayor Pro Tem, Steve Mitchell, City Council Place 6 and Mayor, Dennis Stewart, City Council Place 7 and David Morgan, Assistant City Manager-Community Services, took questions from the audience. Highlights follow.

Abrams Road Construction—The Abrams Road project should be complete in March or April depending upon the weather. Once completed, Abrams will have four lanes with a center turn lane.

Water Pressure Problems—Water lines last only about 30 years and once repairs reach a certain level the entire line has to be replaced. The Abrams Road construction is causing some water pressure problems which the city believes will disappear once Abrams is finished.

Water Sources—In addition to water from Lavon, Bonham and Texoma a pipeline is being built from Tawakoni and wetlands to provide additional water.

Street Closings—City leaders reported that Richardson has a very old process for determining closures. The city is now re-evaluating how to determine closures but no date has been set for a new process to be available.

Neighborhood Lighting—Although Richland Park/Oaks lighting meets current city specs., residents want to work with the city to improve lighting. The HOA will form a committee to represent our neighborhood.

INFORMATION

Neighborhood home sales

400 Blk. Countryside	\$181,000
400 Blk. Fieldwood	\$151,000
	\$191,000
400 Blk. River Oaks	\$159,500
400 Blk. Sheffield	\$147,000
500 Blk. Sheffield	\$162,000
600 Blk. Sheffield	\$165,000
400 Blk. Tiffany	\$179,000
	\$209,000
600 Blk. Tiffany	\$178,500
	\$209,000
1000 Blk. Whispering Oaks	\$189,900

On the market

400 Blk. Countryside	\$146,500
500 Blk. Wentworth	\$179,900
600 Blk. Wentworth	
400 Blk. Park Bend	\$189,900
400 Blk. River Oaks	\$109,900
400 Blk. Sheffield	\$225,000
	\$189,555
600 Blk. Stillmeadow	\$159,900
600 Blk. Tiffany	\$239,000
	\$220,000
1200 Blk. Whispering Oaks	\$152,900

Welcome home!

Here is a list of new neighbors—some have been here a few months—others have just arrived. Meet them soon.

Weston Rogers, 500 Birch
 Margaret Bucklew, 626 Birch
 Meymuna Ali & Abdul Shehriyar
 433 Country Side
 Humera Ayesha, 400 Fieldwood
 Margaret Kayser, 423 Fieldwood
 Mindy & Christopher Dennis, 611 Fieldwood Cr.
 Debbie Braden, 508 Goodwin
 Janice Arceneaux, 602 Goodwin
 Brian & Sylvia Schmidt, 612 Goodwin
 Joseph William Mitchell, 611 Harvest Glen
 Thomas & Jacqueline Merriman,
 427 River Oaks
 Almaz Fikru, 406 Sheffield
 Kimi McCorvey, 506 Sheffield
 Kevin & Elizabeth Wetherington, 515 Sheffield
 Lillian & Francisco Rodriguez, 627 Sheffield
 Shamim Chowdhury & Lisa Hussain,
 469 Tiffany Trail
 Nicholas & Pauline Weidenkopf, 528 Tiffany Trail
 Matthew & Amanda Pollack, 603 Tiffany Trail
 Andrew Abraham, 618 Tiffany Trail
 Coyt Johnston, 520 Wentworth
 Amie & Don Hinderliter, 531 Wentworth
 Henry Comanns, 605 Wentworth
 John O'Brien, 637 Wentworth
 John Adler, 643 Wentworth
 Anna-Marie Eszlinger, 1107 Whispering Oaks
 Barbara Giles Wallen, 419 Winding Brook

Trash collection discount is available if you're 65-plus

How would you like a discount on your trash collection fee? You can get one by going to City Hall and filling out an application form in the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office, Room 101, 972-744-4120.

Whomever signs up for the exemption must be the person whose name is on the City's water account—however, if you are a married couple, either of you may complete the form. You'll need identification to prove your age and your last city services bill.

With the discount, the charge for residential trash collection, including tax and the state-mandated landfill fee, is \$10.63. The same charge without the discount is \$13.29.

Need a pick-up at your curb?

You've done lots of yard work, cleaned out your garage and have a bunch of trash to send somewhere. The City will collect your bulky items on Mondays **if you call in advance**. It will not happen unless you make that call.

Call 972-744-4111 and leave a voice mail 24 hours a day. You must, however, call before midnight on your collection day (for our neighborhood that's Sunday night).

Richland Elementary news

Richland has a lot of exciting things going on this time of year.

The Richardson Fire Department will bring its LAFS (Life and Fire Safety) clown presentation March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a great program for children of all ages.

Multicultural Night is March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Flags from all over the world will be displayed along with food from all of the countries our students represent. Feel free to stop by and enjoy the many different cultures Richland has to offer.

Students and teachers are preparing for the TAKS Test which will be in April.

The Student Council is kicking off a beautification drive starting in March. They are going to be raising funds for additional landscaping in front of the school. If you are interested in making a donation, contact **Dana McQuiston**, School Liaison, 469-593-4698 or just stop by the school.

Be sure to check out our school website that you can link from www.risd.org. The site has a lot of useful information so stay current.

If you are interested in volunteering at Richland, please contact Dana McQuiston.

Greg Gaston, Principal
Misty Wilson, Assistant Principal



Richland Park/ Richland Oaks Neighborhood Questionnaire

Name: _____

Address: _____

The Richland Park/Oaks Homeowners' Association Board is interested in your opinion. Please rate the value of the events/services below by circling a number. One **(1)** is the lowest value while **(5)** is the highest.

Fall Festival	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Easter Egg Hunt	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Bike Rodeo	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Seasonal Yard Awards	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
The "Richland News"	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

If budget resources became severely limited, which of the following items in your opinion: **a)** Should be RHA's **top two** priorities? **b)** should be curtailed?

Crime Watch	a _____	b _____
Social Activities	a _____	b _____
Beautification	a _____	b _____
Newsletter	a _____	b _____
Membership Directory	a _____	b _____

Our two primary social activities—Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Festival—have limited participation by RHA membership. **What specific activities would you suggest in their place to achieve greater neighborhood participation?**

If the HOA Board offered a program to paint house numbers on your curb for a small fee, would you be likely to participate?

Yes _____ No _____ Depends on cost _____

If there was an opportunity to add lighting to the neighborhood which would you prefer?

Free-standing light bollards _____ Overheat street lights _____ Depends on cost _____

Continued on the next page.

Please circle the word(s) that most apply to you.

I look at the HOA website (www.richlandhoa.com)

Often Sometimes Seldom Never Didn't know we had a website.

I would prefer to get the newsletter on-line

Yes No Not sure Didn't know we had a newsletter.

If you would like to join your neighbors in activities, please circle your selections and the Board will compile a list of neighbors with similar interests for you.

Book Club * Dinner Club * Mom's Day Out * Bridge * Dominos * Knitting * Gardening *

Singles * Crafts * Cooking * Sports Club * Senior Theatre * Ballroom Dance Club * Tennis *

*** Tutoring/Mentoring ***

The "Richland News" would like to publish birthday/anniversary information. To participate, provide your information below. Children are welcome to be included. **No birth years will be published.** However, we'd like to publish the number of anniversary years you are celebrating.

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Names _____ Anniv. (mo/day-yr) _____

Feel free to attach additional names if we haven't provided enough space.

Your turn. Fill us in on your thoughts and concerns. We want to know.

**Mail to RHA, PO Box 852636
Richardson, TX 75085-2636**

ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPING, BEAUTIFICATION

Entrance projects and landscaping continue; additional project meetings with the City planned for spring

Hello Neighbors,

Here is an update on the progress being made on our entrances. Remember the scheduled dates are subject to change depending upon the weather, planting conditions, material delays and city schedules.

These are Matching Fund and Capitol Funding Projects. If you have questions, your contacts are Susan Mather, 972-690-4123 and Curtis Dorian, 972-235-0230.

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Audelia Street Entrances:

The City of Richardson (COR) will start modifying the sprinkler system to accommodate the new stone-work design. We start planting new evergreen foliage, grasses and other plant material in the spring.

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Walnut Street Entrances:

All three entrance beds are complete (Lois Lane, Richland Park, Richland Oaks). Richland Park and Richland Oaks signage has been removed to make way for the new entry wall design and new signage.

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Screening Walls, Signage & the Walnut Street Center Medians

We plan to meet with the COR in April to discuss the development of our screening walls and medians. New designs will be introduced and construction is estimated for August 2008.

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This trash isn't a treasure

Richland Park/Oaks volunteers meet on the first Saturday of each month (weather permitting) to collect the windblown trash that often decorates Texas and our neighborhood.

Volunteers gather at the Richland Park on the street side of the tennis courts at

8:00 a.m. sharp!

Blue bags for recycling paper, plastic, glass and metal will be provided. Gloves are helpful if you want to wear them.

Many thanks to **Gwen Turner** who spearheads this important service to our community.

To help, just show up. You are most welcome.

Just a little help from our friends

The Richland Park/Oaks **Volunteer Beautification Committee** helps monitor neighborhood landscaping, park control, seasonal yard awards, community concerns, community criteria and maintenance and assistance for the elderly.

Meetings are once a month and additional volunteers are welcome. Here are the areas the volunteers cover:

Special Yard Awards (April through December)

Community Criteria (Fences, sidewalks hardscapes and streets)

Maintenance Control (lawn clarity, tree trimming and softscape)

Entrance Monitoring (entrance landscaping and litter control)

Assistance for the Elderly (miscellaneous beautification assistance)

To volunteer, contact Susan Mather, 972-690-4123

wam7212@comcast.net

Curtis Dorian, 972-235-0230

curtis@dorianbahr.com

To be notified of beautification activity, send your e-mail address to Susan Mather, wam7212@comcast.net or Curtis Dorian, curtis@dorianbahr.com

ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPING, BEAUTIFICATION

Autumn Leaves



Autumn Yard Awards

Congratulations to Barbara Colvin, 504 Stillmeadow (above L.), Carol & Bruce Johnson, 426 River Oaks (above R.), and Roseanne & Rob Tunnell, (lower R.), 626 Goodwin, for bringing the harvest colors of autumn to their yards for the neighborhood to enjoy. Yards were selected for the use of plantings and symbols (like pumpkins) that represent Autumn and the harvest season.



Memories of Christmas Past



Christmas Yard Awards

Lights, lights and more lights dressed Richland Park and Richland Oaks during the holiday season. The Yard Award committee had a difficult time selecting winners but here they are. Congratulations to Warren Vonpreisig, 505 Wentworth (above L.), Janey & Richard Buck, 425 Tall Oaks (above R.) and Karen & Dwayne Rockwell, 624 Stillmeadow, for providing outstanding displays in 2007.



NEIGHBORS

Letters

The first two letters below continue a discussion that began last fall about walkers who use streets rather than the sidewalks.

To address Mr. Theobold's concern about walkers in our streets, there are three reasons pedestrians may use the street, rather than the sidewalks:

- 1. Brush from tree clippings often blocks the sidewalks.*
- 2. Sprinklers are frequently on in the mornings and evenings.*
- 3. Sidewalks are uneven, and street lights scarce. Tripping is a real hazard.*

I can also empathize with families who push strollers in the street. Many of our curbs do not have wheelchair gradients, and pushing a stroller over them is difficult.

The solution to this problem is to push our city council to fix the sidewalks and install more lighting. One street light per block is not enough. Adding more lights would reduce crime and make us all safer.

Until then, please remember that the law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians.

Regards,

Eric & Joy Pendergrass

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In response to Don Theobold's comment—our sidewalks are too narrow for 3 people to walk abreast. This is a small, quiet, friendly neighborhood, and frequently people do walk in the street. Some of our neighbors are runners and they run in the street because some of our sidewalks are uneven (mostly due to tree roots causing "bumps"), and are not safe footing for runners.

I "love" living in our neighborhood!

Susan Covington

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Greetings:

We hope you enjoyed a pleasant Christmas. Ours was quite big, thanks to my sister's family who gathered here in masse on the Bergman farm about five miles west of town. Also, several of our friends from the Big D area drove down. However, joy ended on Jan. 6 with the death of my brother-in-law, Clinton Bergman, 87, after a rather lengthy illness...

Come see us...and tell our Crime Watch gang hello for us.

Bill & Bess Rea

NOTE: The Reas [Richland Oaks] recently moved to a Clifton, Texas, retirement center.

E-mail your letters to vk_archer@sbcglobal.net or send to *Richland News*, 500 Stillmeadow.

In deepest sympathy

To **Louise Johnson** and family. George Ivan Johnson died in November, 2007

To **Richard Kozera** and family. Nancy Kozera died in December 2007.

To **Carolyn Sherman** and family. Carolyn's mother, Ruby W. Martin, who died in January, 2008.

2008 Block Captains

Birch

- 400 Carol Levy 972-234-8069
- 500 Joseph & Anne Brophy 972-690-0195
- 600 Cassie McCampbell 972-235-1166

Country Side

- 400 Marshall & Lucy Bateman 972-889-2922

Fieldwood

- 400 Pam & Daryl Crum 972-690-6091

Fieldwood Circle

- 600 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

Goodwin

- 400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
- 500 Andrea & David Pickens 972-479-9122
- 600 Vinod & Traute Malhotra 972-669-1970

Harvest Glen

- 400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
- 500 Beverly Peavy 972-235-8518
- 600 David & Faye Galvan 972-680-8759

Hilton

- 1100 Judy Blome 972-783-7069

Park Bend

- 400 Pam Crum 972-690-6091
- 600 Gwen Turner 972-235-2152

Richland Oaks

- 1100 & 1200 Blocks **Open**

Richland Park

- 1200 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434

River Oaks

- 400 Alice & Jamie Kelly 972-437-9053

Sheffield

- 400 James & Juanell Teague 972-238-5863,
Karen Atkinson 972-480-8712
- 500 Ron Coyne 972-690-5397, Michael Pinto 972-231-5381
- 600 Dewayne Mosley 972-437-1211, Michael Brown, 972-437-1211

South Lois Lane

- 1000 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

Stillmeadow

- 400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
- 500 Gary & D'Nelle Lyons 972-238-8560
- 600 Dorthy & George McKearin 972-238-9308

Tall Oaks

- 400 Carolyn & Ed Murphy 972-234-6043

Tiffany Trail

- 400 Susan Mather 972-690-4123
- 500 Barbara & Russell Reed 972-234-1726
- 600 Pamela & Robert Tharp 972-690-0931

Wentworth

- 500 Deborah Jennings 972-699-1754
- 600 Millie & Dave Harrison 972-231-2748

Whispering Oaks

- 1100 & 1200 Blks. Neal & Florence Frager 214-766-4384

Winding Brook

- 400 **Open**

To volunteer as a Block Captain, call:

Millie Harrison
972-231-2748
milliecx@aol.com

SAFETY

Night out moves to Oct. for 2008

This year, in Texas only, the National Night Out Against Crime will be in October. This is a test to see if cooler temperatures will benefit both the event and the participants. Tentative date is Oct. 9.

As you may know, the City of Richardson has earned the National Night Out Cup for placing first in the nation in National Night Out Against Crime activities and participation. Richardson serves as a national model for Crime Watch groups across the country. AND, the Richland Park/Oaks Crime Watch group serves as a model for Richardson.

Richland Park/Oaks coordinators are often asked to talk with other neighborhoods who are trying to build Crime Watch patrols.



Coffee and crime—topics for day-tour crime watchers at their monthly breakfast. Among recent attendees are (from L) Cal Kinney, Carol Levy, Diana & Verne Ruuska, Alta & Tom Holland, RPD's David Spigelmyer, Jan Kurka, Tom Schaffer, Syd Hammond, Jack Johnson, Ron Coyne and Ernie Mansfield.

Crime Watch Patrol offers anti-crime tips and suggestions

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. As you should know, December and January are HIGH CRIME months. In December the crooks want to take what you have bought for Christmas and give it to their families. In January they want to take your items and pawn them for cash. If you placed empty boxes of your XBOX, TV, POWER TOOLS, etc., in your trash area (as MANY of you did) you will have a one in ten chance of someone trying to take it from you.

As I drove on patrol just after Christmas I noticed a lot of boxes in alleys of just this type along with the box from your new Plasma TV's, NEW COMPUTERS, and so on. Please don't advertise what you have to the crooks. Cut up the box, fold it inside out, tape it shut and put it in a black plastic bag. The crooks drive the alley just as I do on patrol and take notes to come back when you are gone.

Have you walked out in your alley at night lately? What did you see? Couldn't see much, could you? It was too DARK. Please try to leave your rear flood lights on. I know it costs a little more, but there are low wattage bulbs available to help with that. Isn't it worth a few bucks a month to have your entire car together when you go out in the morning? You know—it still has a radio, tires, wheels, air bags, etc. You can also get a sensor at Home Depot to turn outside lights on at dusk and off at dawn for about \$10. You can't buy insurance that cheaply.

During our neighborhood Spring events this year I plan to have extra patrols on the street for your safety and state of mind so stay as long as you want. Your CRIME WATCH will be at work.

On a last note, we need some new CRIME WATCH patrol members. We have had a few move away and need to replace them. It takes only a couple of hours every two weeks. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and do a great service at the same time. **Please rest assured that you are in no danger whatsoever.** You DO NOT confront anyone! There is a new class offered by the Richardson Police Department starting April 7 and 14 at 7 p.m. at the civic center.

A Crime Watch application is on the next page of this newsletter. Please complete it and join a great Crime Watch crew.

Bob McClure
Crime Watch Patrol
CRIMEWATCHONE@YAHOO.COM

Richland Park Crime Watch Patrol

Statistics indicate that crime goes down if there is an active crime watch patrol. Our patrol was begun in 1994 and we all feel a little safer. We believe that in spite of the improvement, we can be even better. If we had a few more patrol members, we think we could accomplish this objective. Please give careful consideration to becoming a part of the patrol. It requires only a few hours of training and just 1 to 1 1/2 hours every two weeks and **you can choose the time**. In addition, you will become acquainted with a great group of Richland Park/Oaks neighbors. An application blank is printed below. **Please fill out and return to Bob McClure, 1101 Hilton, by Friday, March 21.** Your help will make a difference. Thanks.

APPLICATION CRIME WATCH PATROL

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____ D.L. NUMBER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: M L XL XXL

WINDBREAKER SIZE: M L XL XXL

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

REFERENCES:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ARE YOU ABLE TO DONATE THREE HOURS A MONTH TO ASSISTING THE RICHLAND PARK CRIME WATCH PATROL?

I UNDERSTAND AND GIVE MY FULL CONSENT TO THE RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHARACTER REFERENCES MAY ALSO BE CHECKED. (THIS INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT ALLOWED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: OFFICER ID# _____ APPROVED _____ DATE _____

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Please return this form to:

**Bob McClure
1101 Hilton
Richardson, TX 75081**

**Deadline is Friday, March 21
Brief training sessions are in April.**



Richland Park/Oaks Neighborhood Association

2008 Membership Application

Membership Dues for Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2008

Dear Neighbors:

It's time for our 2008 Membership Drive. Richland Park/Oaks continues to be one of Richardson's most desirable neighborhoods because of **your** membership and volunteerism. **THANK YOU!** Dues are only \$40.00 a year. These dues help to provide valuable services, contribute greatly to our sense of community, and include the following services and benefits.

- * **Crime Watch Patrol (all patrol members are trained volunteers)**
- * **Maintenance & updating of entry landscaping**
- * **Social activities for all ages**
- * **Representation at City of Richardson meetings**
- * **Interaction with RISD, Richardson Police and Fire Departments**
- * **Seasonal yard awards**
- * **"The Richland News" neighborhood newsletter**
- * **Neighborhood Directory (available only to association members)**
- * **Neighborhood Website**

To continue to provide and improve upon these services, we are asking each resident to join and/or volunteer in some capacity. Please complete the information below and return this entire page with your \$40 check today (made payable to RHA) to:

RHA, PO Box 852636, Richardson, Texas 75085-2636

Below you will find areas where you are needed. Please check your area/s of interest and indicate if you are willing to chair.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALB (Beautification) Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Care Assistance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An interest we haven't listed: _____ | |

For accurate information to our Crime Watch patrol and Neighborhood Directory, please complete and return this form today. Please print clearly! Thank you again for contributing to making this a great neighborhood in which to live.

Name _____ & Name _____
(Last) (First) (Last) (First)

Address _____

Home Phone _____ () Check here for Do Not Publish—Crime Watch use only

Work Phone(s) _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

Work and Cell phone numbers will be used ONLY by Crime Watch Patrol if the need arises when you are not home.

E-mail(s) _____ / _____

E-mail addresses will NOT BE PUBLISHED. Check here () to receive important neighborhood information/alerts via e-mail. Information will NOT include advertising.

For questions or comments, contact Membership Chair, Angela McCants, 972-380-3441.

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**RHA
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Thank you!