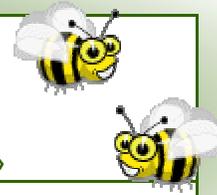


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Bee-lieve in Your Neighborhood!

Find your electronic copy of **The Buzz** at www.uenha.org !

Upcoming Events

- Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 3, 9am., Richardson Square Mall
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- It's time to join UENHA! Send in your 2006 membership form and fees today—only \$20/family.
- Keep your dogs on a leash and carry a pooper-scooper or plastic bag to "pick up" after your dog when walking. It helps keep them safe and makes you a better neighbor.
- Annual Festival of Lights will be held Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 pm—Briarwick Court.

The President's Podium

HO! HO! HO! Happy Holidays Everyone! I hope that everyone is ready for the holidays, because they have arrived. In fact, Santa's Sleigh Ride/Holiday Get Together is coming to our neighborhood Sunday, December 11th 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the same cul-de-sac where it has been for many years- Briarwick Court. (If we have inclement weather this weekend, we will have it on December 18th). We will have hot chocolate, cookies, and a sleigh pulled by Rudolph who will not only be bringing Santa Claus for the children, but also riding through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols in the sleigh (trailer).

Many in the neighborhood have been here long enough that their children may have children, or grandchildren. Wouldn't it be nice for the grandkids to sit on a friendly Santa's lap, while you take some nice pictures and say hi to your neighbors at the same time? Come on out and enjoy the season.

We had the annual meeting on October 16 at Central Christian Church that was very well attended. You have a new slate of

officers for 2006, mostly a carryover from 2005. Along with myself, David Frank and Brenda Conkel, Julie Southward from Ridge Creek has agreed to be our Secretary. We are all looking forward to next year.

We were able to exceed our challenge from Duck Creek H.O. Association! We received confirmation from our neighbors donating to one of the 4 agencies exceeding \$600.00. Many thanks to Najam Alavi, The Dr. Richard Gilman Family and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Foos for their contributions. The Board has selected the Network of Community Ministries as the recipient of our pledge, because we felt it was the closest to our community, and the pledge was to help the evacuees directed to the Richardson neighborhood. As soon as the neighborhood was notified of the Rita evacuees, Donna Shepherd and Jan Neher took a list of items that they were told the evacuees were in need of, went shopping for these goods, and spent well over \$100.00 for these items. With these goods Donna & Jan purchased (and reimbursed from our general fund), the Board agreed to a \$500.00



David Roffino

contribution from your UENHA Association. This way we met our challenge. Thank you!

As we also come into a new year, we are always looking for new volunteers for **your** neighborhood. We are looking for volunteers for designating the Yard of the Month award. This happens Spring, Summer, Fall, and Holiday times of the year. There are 4 areas we award, and we even discussed having a judge in each section. Thank you Doc Daugherty for your many years of service. We are also looking for someone to take over the **BUZZ** publication. We have a software package that makes the job so easy, just ask Donna Shepherd. She has done an outstanding job over the years. Thank you Donna for your many years of service. Jobs well done!

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season, and come and say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to your neighbors on Sunday, December 11th. See you there!



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The Year in Pictures



Clockwise from upper left

- 2004 Holiday Lights Party & Sleigh Ride
- 2005 Easter Egg Hunt
- 2005 July 4th Parade
- 2005 Frisco Rough Riders Outing
- 2005 National Night Out Against Crime party



Keep **YOUR** neighborhood the best place in the world to live and play! See www.uenha.org for more photos.

Annual Holiday Yard Award

Be sure to have your Holiday Decorations ready for judging by Saturday, December 10. Santa's elves will be judging after dark, so remember to turn on your lighted decorations. Holiday Award signs will be posted before the Holiday Lights Party scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 pm on Briarwick Court.

Get those creative juices flowing!

2006 Slate of Officers

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| President | David Roffino |
| Vice President | David Frank |
| Secretary | Julie Southward |
| Treasurer | Brenda Conkel |

Committee chairs will be selected by the officers at the next board meeting. These committees are Civic Liaison, Socials, Newsletter, Beautification, Yard of the Month, and Crime Watch.. Please contact any officer to indicate your interest in one of these committees.

UENHA 2006 Directory

Join the Homeowner's Association Now

Sign up NOW and pay your \$20.00 dues. Membership form is included with this newsletter.

Send your dues to : Brenda Conkel, Treasurer 2001 North Cliffe
 Keep abreast of all events, crime watch information and all matters pertinent to our subdivision.
 Join by **Jan. 31, 2006** to be included in the 2006 UENHA Directory!



The association roster is to be considered private property and may not be used, given away, or sold for any purpose other than for association activities.



A couple of weeks ago my wife and I along with a co-worker of my wife decided we wanted to do something special for the holidays. We always purchase a bag of groceries at the store like we did last night for the local food drive in our area. We always bake cookies and fudge for the holidays and pass out the goodies to our neighbors. This year we really wanted to touch someone that we knew and cared about. One of our friends is a single mother whose medical bills have been really high due to some illnesses with her children. Our friend lives in a large two story house that was in dire need of some repairs and painting. My wife who is a very shy person basically told our friend that on one weekend we were going to come over and repaint her house. We worked really hard and we still have some more work to do but the joy and happiness our friend and her kids began to demonstrate was priceless! As we were painting the house some of the neighbors began to walk over and talk with our friend about the improvement of the house. One neighbor liked the colors so much they want to paint their house the same way. Our friend now has a new attitude about her home along with a feeling that she is cared for and loved.

The second part of this story continues. Our son came home last week from college and we decided to have a family night out and attend the Stars Hockey game. When we re-

turned home my wife took one of the wiener dogs out while the other wiener was asleep in his bed. The phone rang and it was my next door neighbor. My neighbor said my dogs were in his trash and I needed to come over and clean up the mess. I knew my wife was with the one dog while I was looking at the other dog and trying to imagine our little wiener dogs being able to jump high enough to even reach the top of the large plastic trash bins on wheels. Instead of saying he must be mistaken I told him I would be right over to see what he was talking about. When I walked over to my neighbor's house I saw all of my neighbors from our cul-de-sac standing there next to the giant smoker laughing. They had made up the story to get me to come over while my neighbor was smoking some Turkeys and Hams for the other neighbors. We stayed up till 3:30am just talking and sharing jokes.

Now I know these two episodes in the life of my family may seem trivial but they drive home the point I am trying to make. The first brush of the law was with our paint brushes. We not only made improvements with our friend's home, we brushed our friend's heart with hope and caring. Our friend now has a new outlook on things and her neighbors

have seen the beauty of people working together. The second brush was not with paint, but with a seasoning brush. My wife saw all of the smoke from the grill or smoker and had to investigate to make sure our neighbors were alright. Remember this is midnight so most folks are not out cooking at this time of the day. In return my neighbors wanted our family to share the evening with them and the other neighbors and they knew me well enough that if they made some story up about my little dogs they knew I would show up. The key here is neighbors knowing neighbors! This is how our neighborhoods and our Crime Watches should work. An investment does not always have to be in dollars or cents. Our Food Drive this past August for National Night Out is a great example of how we helped so many families within our community by pulling together. As the holidays approach us please take a minute to seriously think about how you and your family can have a positive impact within our community. Crime Watch is more than just calling in the police, it's about neighbors helping neighbors. Where there is smoke there is fire, the fire of the human heart sharing some compassion with another person, the unspoken law. This holiday season let us not only give thanks, let's share our homes and our friendships with our neighbors! When is the last time you had a brush with the law?

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34th Annual

Ridahrdsen Christmas Parade

The 34th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade will begin at 9 am Saturday, December 3, with the theme

“A Lone Star Magical Christmas”.

The parade will begin at Richardson Square Mall and will follow the eastside route along Plano Road. Richardson's 2004 Citizen of the Year, Mike Spence, will be grand marshal. The entry fee to be in the parade is a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Network of Community Ministries Santa program. There is no charge to come and watch and cheer!

City Council Decisions

The Richardson City Council recently put the Campbell Road underpass on hold pending further information regarding the effects of the opening of Bush Turnpike and the completion of the High Five interchange at Central and LBJ. This means that the underpass is still a project that the majority of the current city council wants to pursue.

The next issue concerns the approval of an additional 450 apartment units at the southeast corner of Campbell and Central. The previously approved high-rise apartment building at Galatyn and Central has not yet been built. The vote approving even more apartments in Richardson was 6-1, with Jim Shepherd being the only council member who feels that the city and the school district already have enough apartment complexes.

Yards of the Month

Doc Daughety

A home in each of the four sections will be selected each month through July. In September, yards will be selected for fall color. Then in October, Halloween decorations will be judged. November's selections will be based on Thanksgiving decorations. And finally, December will be judged based on Holiday Lights and Decorations.

If anyone would like to assume responsibility for choosing Yards of The Month, please call Doc Daughety at 972-234-5481.

Section 1: Portsmouth Dr, Campbell Pkwy and Fairfax Cir
2103 Portsmouth (Oct)

Section 2: Brandeis from Campbell Trail, Drew Lane, Belleview, Ridge Creek Drive, Star Crest, and North Cliffe
2105 Drew (Oct)

Section 3: Brandeis Drive to Campbell Trail, Campbell Trail, Normandy Drive, Chestnut Hill to Main Entrance
1701 Chestnut Hill (Oct)

Section 4: Briarwick Court, Sky Ridge Creek, Oakwood Drive, Ridge Creek Drive from North Cliff, Chestnut Hill Lane from Entrance right to North Cliff
2105 Briarwick Court (Oct)

Please keep an eye out for any fire ant mounds on your property. If everyone treats with an approved fire ant killer, the outdoors will be much safer for all of us to enjoy. Also, if you need any help with landscape projects, but don't know who to contact, give the Dallas County Agricultural Extension Office at call at 214-904-3053. They will be happy to give you names of reputable business people.

On the L👁️👁️K Out!

Martha Feeley

We are well into the autumn of the year when evenings darken quickly. Please keep your garage doors closed; remove valuables and lock up vehicles which are left outside. If you see anything suspicious in our neighborhood, protect your loved ones and your belongings; call it in to the Richardson Police at 972.744.4908.

Congratulations to Us: The city of Richardson has been awarded the #1 city in the Nation for 2005 National Night Out Organization! Please log onto www.nationaltownwatch.org for our Category 3 listing, a complete listing of NNO winners, and the criteria used. Our gratitude to our area Officer David Spigelmyer, and the entire Richardson Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit.....it all starts here in the neighborhoods, you all help make it happen.

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Eliot Johnston

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If you have something newsworthy for **The Buzz** email normandy@dnc.net

To change your email address on record with the UENHA (add, update or delete) please call Donna Shepherd at 972-231-8351 or email Donna at: normandy@dnc.net



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