

# President's Podium



UNIVERSITY ESTATES NORTH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

# “The Buzz”



## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM SUMMER 2009

As this edition of our newsletter comes to your door, we are well into the Summer Vacation season. Please be mindful of children playing in all the neighborhoods. If you take a family vacation, ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your property. Our neighborhood has been the target for many recent burglaries; we need to do all we can to protect our homes. Please watch for additional information on our Special Crime Watch Meeting.

Our next social event is the annual 4<sup>th</sup>. of July parade. Independence Day in University Estates North always begins with a John Philip Sousa march, and we would like to make this the best parade ever. Please see Jan's article in this edition regarding the particulars.

Thank you all who have taken the extra effort to keep your yards beautiful, which enhances the entire neighborhood. Log onto [www.uenha.org](http://www.uenha.org) for photos of the “award winning” yards, as well as hot topics in the neighborhood and our city.

Editing this newsletter, publishing our directory, managing our webpage, accounting for our dues, awarding the yard-of-the-month winners, planting flowers, and planning the socials, are just some of the activities that keep your board busy all year long. I thank each member of that team; and offer a special invitation to any of our neighbors who may like to get involved. Please call me if you have a special area of interest. Have a happy and safe summer!

Martha Feeley,  
President  
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## Coming Events

- *Annual Neighborhood July 4th Parade*      *July 4th*
- *Crime Watch Meeting*      *July 14th*

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## Crime Watch Update

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There have been a number of break-ins during the last year. From May 2008 through May 2009, 9 homes and 4 vehicles have been burglarized. 3 homes were broken into just last month. Most of the home burglaries were between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The burglars are driving down alleys, entering back yards, and then either breaking in the back door or a back window. The time to stop these intrusions is now. There are several things you can do to protect yourself and your home from these perpetrators.

The best thing you can do is to become well-acquainted with your neighbors. Then, become a nosy neighbor. When workers are outside with mowers and edgers and blowers, it is hard to tell what noise is an OK noise and what noise is someone breaking in a back door. Be alert and don't hesitate to ask questions. If anything at all looks suspicious, call the police. They are there to help and welcome your involvement in helping them help us. **The non-emergency police number is 972-744-4800.** If you can't remember this number, just call 911 and let

the dispatcher know that you do NOT have an emergency, but would like to report something suspicious. I have always received prompt and courteous



help and I am sure you will, too. Nothing suspicious is too minor to ignore.

Another way to help combat these unwelcome intrusions is to get involved with the crime watch patrol that is being organized. When a particular geographical area becomes involved in Crime Watch, the Crime Prevention Unit of the Richardson Police Department can designate a Crime Watch Patrol Area.

A coordinator is established and area residents are then sought for patrol members. The patrol members then attend a

mandatory 6 hour Crime Watch Patrol School. Upon successful completion of the patrol school, area residents then volunteer their time and vehicles to patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the Police Department.

We now have a coordinator and need at least 20 residents who are willing to commit to patrolling our streets on a regular basis. Please e-mail or call one of the board members to let us know you are interested in being a part of this very effective crime prevention measure.

Help take a bite out of crime!

Donna Shepherd

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## Deadline for Directory

### Membership Deadline to Receive Directory

Can't remember if you paid your dues for 2009? Click the

"Membership" button at [www.UENHA.org](http://www.UENHA.org). If your name doesn't have a YES next to it, you haven't joined for this year. If you would like to re-

ceive a directory, please send your membership form and money today! The deadline is July 4, 2009 for inclusion in this issue of the directory.

## Calloway's Timely Tips for June Gardeners

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### Enjoy Summer Color

#### Spring flowers become but a memory as summer heats up!

However, our desire for a colorful landscape can still be achieved. From annuals to perenni-

als to shrubs to trees, color is found in blooms, foliage and even in the plumes of ornamental grasses.

The distinct patterns of Calladium leaves or textured foliage of Coleus adds interest to shady gardens. The dazzling Daylily or drought-tolerant Lantana provides splashes of blooms for full sun. Crape Myrtles are sending forth sprays of blossoms and the Esperanza displays clusters of bell-shaped flowers. Color abounds even in the heat of summer!

Remember to use Calloway's premium soils and mixes at the time of planting and water well with a Root Stimulator

mixture. Also, add two to three inches of mulch to conserve moisture, help keep the soil cooler and prevent weeds from growing.

Attend our Free Saturday clinics, especially June 6th which features the summer blooming Crape Myrtle.

For a complete listing of clinics, visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com)

Go to the UENHA website for money-saving coupons.

[www.uenha.org](http://www.uenha.org)

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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As we and our neighborhood grow older together, sometimes we find ourselves unable to fully maintain our homes. This may result in a City code violation. Did you know that the City's Neighborhood Services Department (<http://www.cor.net/NeighborhoodServices.aspx?id=3112>) works with volunteers to correct these deficiencies? I personally have coordinated several of these projects with the Berkner Exchange Club.

Through the City's Volunteer Assistance Program, I was recently informed of two projects within our neighborhood. One was small and I took care of it one Saturday morning. The other is a larger project requiring painting and fascia board replacement.

The UENHA Board would like to create a list of volunteers to call upon when these projects come up in our neighborhood. I have

agreed to chair this committee. I need your help to assist with these. Please donate some of your time and expertise to help out a fellow neighbor.

Call Eliot Johnston

972-680-9302 to be put on our volunteer list. Thanks.

## Important Crime Watch Meeting

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We will have a special homeowner's meeting to discuss recent crime in the neighborhood.

Tues. July 14th. 7 pm.  
at the Central Christian Church

# Area July Fourth Activities

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## Star Spangled 4th

Jul 4, 10 a.m.-midnight. Enjoy a crafts, live music and entertainment, art, car and motorcycle show, parade, and fireworks at the Firewheel Town Center in Garland. Free.

## Dallas Booms! at Fair Park

Jul 4, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Live music, free museum admission after 4 p.m., and food will be available at Fair Park. And fireworks will go off after dark, too, of course. Please leave the coolers at home, but bring lawn chairs or a picnic blanket. Leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome.

## Addison Kaboom Town

Jul 3, 5 p.m.-midnight. Fireworks can be seen from anywhere in Addison, so pick your spot. Food, music, rock climbing wall, giant slide, and warplane fly-bys from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum will be at Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive in Addison.

## Lone Stars and Stripes Fireworks Celebration

Jul 3 and 4, 3 p.m.-11 p.m. Pony rides, bounce houses, a petting zoo, clowns, and other fun stuff during the races, and fireworks after the

last race at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

## City of Bedford 4thFest

Jul 4, noon-11 p.m. Concert, food, family activities, a parade, and fireworks will be at the Bedford Boys Ranch at 2801 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers. No alcohol, please. Admission is free, but there is no parking at the Bedford Boys Ranch, except for those with handicap signs or plates. Park at Pennington Field at 1501 Central Drive in Bedford and catch the shuttle for \$3 per person.

## Quad Cities Family 4th

Jul 4, 9:30 p.m. Twenty minutes of fireworks will take off at the North Richland Hills Village Center, 6351 Boulevard 26 in Richland Hills at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway 183 inside Loop 820.

## Patriotic Concert and Fireworks Celebration

Jul 4, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. The Irving Symphony Orchestra will put on a concert starting at 8:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available. No coolers or alcohol permitted. Admission is free. The concert and fireworks will be at Williams Square Plaza (5215 North O'Connor

Boulevard) in Las Colinas in Irving.

## All-America Fourth Fireworks in Plano

Jul 4, 9:30 p.m. The city of Plano will have a fireworks show at the Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve at 2801 Spring Creek Parkway. Some food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free parking will be at Collin County Community College and First United Methodist Church of Plano. Radio station KLAQ 97.5 will have a simulcast during the fireworks show.

## Celebrate Freedom 2008

Jun 27-28. Pizza Hut Park in Frisco plays host to Celebrate Freedom 2008. For two days, three stages will be full of Christian rock groups and speakers. VeggieTales characters, inflatable rides and slides, jump rope demonstrations, dance teams, and cheerleaders are just some of the entertainment available. Admission is free, but parking is \$10-15. Pizza Hut Park is at the intersection of Dallas Tollway and Main Street in Frisco, near the intersection of Dallas Tollway and Eldorado Parkway.

# Richardson Family Fourth Celebration

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Family 4th of July Celebration Event hours are 6:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m



Sparks will fly at the City of Richardson's annual "Family Fourth Celebration" on Saturday, July 4, in Breckinridge Park. This traditional, patriotic salute is free and open to the entire community. .

On-site parking is very limited, so beginning at 6 p.m. on July 4th the City of Richardson will provide free round-trip DART shuttle service from the Rockwell-Collins International Campus located at the intersection of Renner and Shiloh roads.

# Yard of the Month Winners—June



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## **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**

Let's see....it is hot, days are long, must be time for the Parade!!!!

Please join us as we celebrate our birthday on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am on Portsmouth at Jupiter. Bikes, cars, wagons, -- you name it, you're welcomed Do as little or as much huffing and puffing as you wish, even if its just to sit in your favorite chair and watch the parade go by. Cake, ice cream, and popsicles await us at the Woman's Club, where prizes for decorated bikes

will be awarded and the ear-poppin' finale (much to the dismay of the golfer's on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole) will take place. Come out and meet your neighbors and get your holiday off on the right (and left) foot. See you there!!  
Jan

