



"The Buzz"



After living in University Estates North for 23 years, and helping on various activities, I am proud to now be serving as the UENHA president. I have always thought of our neighborhood as a great place to live and raise a family, and my goal, with your help, is to make it even Better!

Our annual dues of \$25 is extremely reasonable, and provides the funding for our annual budget. Most of the dollars have been used for our social events, including the National Night Out party, for which we

have been nationally recognized, the 4th. of July parade, "Santa's Sleigh Ride," and coming soon on April 4th., the annual Easter Egg Hunt. These events allow us to keep in touch with one another, and to welcome our new neighbors.

To keep everyone informed, we publish and distribute this neighborhood Newsletter, with free coupons and free ads for member's children. We issue a free neighborhood directory to members, pass flyers as needed for Crime Watch Alerts, and

maintain our informative website:

www.uenha.org.

To enhance the integrity of our neighborhood, we plant seasonal flower beds, put up Christmas lights and decorations, and participate in the city-wide annual Trash Bash. Sidewalk and curb replacement is underway right now. We have been approved by the city for a matching funds program to install landscaping along the wall on Campbell Road. With increased membership,

Coming Events



- *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* *April 4th*
- *Trash Bash* *April 25th*

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this landscaping opportunity can begin.

As you can see from the above, however, it requires everyone's support. In order to make it all work, we need 100% participation in our 2009 dues campaign. Please join today, and ask one of

your neighbors to join also. The membership form is attached.

Your 2009 UENHA board is already hard at work on the projects I have mentioned above.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to get more involved, please give

any of us a call. Here's looking forward to another great year for the home owner's association, and making the Best Neighborhood even Better!

Martha Feeley, President
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Crime Watch Update

For those of you who would like to receive additional information from the Richardson Police Department regarding crime trends, unusual happenings, scams, etc., please send an e-mail to DonnaShepherd@uenha.org. I will then forward information to you as I receive it from the police department. Information received in the past include an incident involving "gypsies" in our fair city and a scam involving Wal-Mart. These reports are not disseminated on a regular basis, simply as they occur.

Also, please remember that if anything unusual or suspicious occurs, your police department is there to serve you if you simply call them. The regular

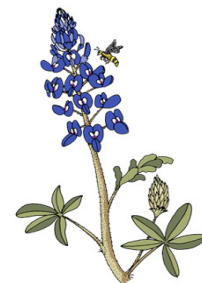
police phone number is 972-744-4800. I have called more than once asking that an officer check a solicitor to be sure the solicitor has a solicitor's permit. I have also called when I observed petty vandalism in progress. The officers have always been prompt and courteous.

If all else fails, call 911 and tell the dispatch operator that you do not really have an emergency, you just can't find the main phone number. You might be put on hold while the operator deals with a real emergency, but you will eventually get the help you need.

Information is the best weapon we have against crime. If you don't

report the information you have, we all lose.

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Calloway's Timely Tips for Spring Gardeners



Create Instant Color!

Container gardens are fun and easy to create. They can be as simple as three small

flowers potted together or as elaborate as a small tree or shrub planted in the center of pot with annual color planted around. Follow these simple steps when planting or plan on attending one of our **FREE Container Garden Clinics** in March.

First select a container appropri-

ately sized for the job. Make sure it has drainage holes and is large enough for making an impact.

Second, choose a well blended potting soil that drains well. **Thirdly**, choose plants that require the same lighting and water needs. The **fourth step** is to start planting. Fill the container half way with soil, position the plants and start filling in with the rest of the potting soil. You can also add a fertilizer such as **Calloway's Professional Flower Food** into the soil.

Lastly, I add a top dressing of decorative bark or mulch. This

adds the finishing touch, plus it will keep the soil cooler and prevent it from drying out as quickly.

After you have completed your masterpiece, sit back and watch it grow! Now you are ready to start planning your next one! Enjoy!

Check our website for Calloway's/ Cornelius upcoming clinics:

<http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf>

***Thanks Calloway's for
sponsoring out Yard of the
Month!***

Calloway's Yard of the Month Program

You may recall that last year Calloway's Nursery invited our Homeowner's Association to participate in their "Good Neighbor Program" by sponsoring our Yards-Of-The-Month. This has been very beneficial to our homeowners as each winner of the award also receives a \$50.00 gift certificate from Calloway's.

We have many deserving yards in our neighborhood and I'm

sure that in the spring we will have even more to choose from. It's not too early to start thinking about your spring flowers and other ways to make your yard stand out and be considered for this recognition.

Please be sure your Homeowner Association dues are paid for 2009 so that you don't miss out on a chance at a \$50.00 gift certificate from Calloway's Yard-Of-The-Month program.

If you would like to nominate a yard for recognition, please let me know.

Thanks,

Nancy Stubbs

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Crime Watch Patrol

Would you like to be a part of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Patrol? We need a minimum of 20 people to be eligible for training by the Richardson Police Department. This patrol is an excellent opportunity for our retired neighbors, and anyone interested in deterring crime in University Estates North. If you

would like to participate, please call Donna Shepherd for more information. 972.231.8351

City Council

This is election year in Richardson for our city council members. Please stay informed, attend forums, and get to know your candidates. For more information: www.lwvrichardson.org

Good Information Regarding Your Electricity Bill

FYI: YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL (Feb. 12, 2009) Power to choose.com

De-regulation of the electricity industry has brought consumers higher bills in the years since it was enacted. Considering our rates were generally around 8 cents per kwh (i.e. \$80 for 1000 hours of electricity) before de-regulation, rates have been in the low to mid-teens for the last year, (at 14 you are paying \$140 for the same amount of electricity).

It is imperative that you get your house fit with a good rate, especially through the summer months. Historically, rates have jumped during the summer, catching anybody who moves and has to start new service during this time with a very high rate. Our rates are tied to the price of natural gas, and now that price is inching downward, allowing rates to dip below 10 for the first time in several years.

If you are within 45 days of

the end of your contract, you may start the process of switching to a new provider. Be careful! Look for providers that will give you a fixed rate for a year to get you through the hot summer months of air conditioning. Watch out for contracts that dump you on June's doorstep when your choices may not resemble anything like what we are seeing now. **If you don't know when your contract expires, call and find out.** If you should miss your date when it expires without selecting another company, you will **automatically** be bumped to the "provider of least desirability"-i.e. the highest rate out there, currently in the 17s (\$170 for what you used to pay \$80).

Although some month-to-month plans are now in the 9s, you need to watch them to see if they are trending up or down and get into a good fixed rate for the summer.

Go to the OFFICIAL web-

site of Power to Choose, not the pretenders in the little yellow box who only give you about 10 choices, theirs and others who are higher. The official site has about 80 choices. Click "Go directly to offers" after filling in your zip code, then click on the first column heading and it will sort the rates, lowest to highest. Scroll through until you find something you like and go through the steps to switch.

It costs nothing to switch and it is all taken care of by ERCOT. Most of the better rates are offered by companies that require electronic billing and debit accounts, but there are some who will accept checks by mail.

Reading the terms of service can be a real pain, but worth it. Look for hidden fees. Some companies allow a one-time switch to a lower rate.

Good Luck!!

Attention Lady Golfers!

LADY GOLFERS

Sherrill Park Golf Course as a ladies' golf league that plays every Tuesday morning from March until October. If you have been playing golf and want to join your neighbors and meet new golfers, give me a call. We would love to have you come play with us.

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Trash Bash

Keep UENHA Beautiful!

Join your friends and neighbors for the Annual Trash Bash and Spring Cleaning.

When: Saturday, April 25th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Yale entrance

Bring your work gloves and let's do our part to keep Richardson beautiful!



Yard of the Month

January

2101 Portsmouth



2104 Belleview



1913 Campbell Trail



2022 Northcliffe



February

2105 Fairfax



2102 Starcrest



1808 Campbell Trail



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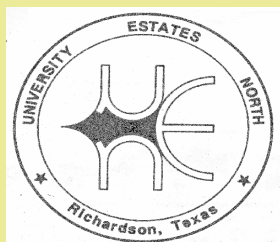
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Hippity, Hoppity, Easter's On It's Way

THE ANNUAL UENHA EASTER EGG HUNT



Hey Kids of all ages!!
The annual HUNT will be on for
eggs and goodies at the
Woman's Club on Saturday,
April 4 at 11:00 am. Goodies

or trinkets in every egg make for
great fun! Open to all in our
neighborhood AND any Grand-
kids of our members!!

The
rain/sleet/snow/wind/hurricane
/tornado date will be the follow-
ing Saturday, on the 11th at 11
am. See you there!!

If in doubt, check our website,
uenha.org, for the latest info.

E. Bunny

