

# UNIVERSITY ESTATES NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**December 3, 2012**

# THE BUZZ

## **President's Podium**

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*I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and is looking forward to our Annual University Holiday Event*

### **UENHA Homeowner's Association - Santa's Sleigh Ride Party.**

- This Free Fun Event begins at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2012, (there is no rain date).
- The Place to be is 2105 Briarwick Court.
- The Time to Arrive is 5:30 p.m.
- We have been told Santa will be on hand to lend his ear to every child's wishes.
- There will be a Texas Style Sleigh Ride, Hot Chocolate, and Lots of Fun Viewing University Estates North lights and decorations.
- Please plan to attend this neighborhood event even if you think you are beyond sitting on Santa's knee.
- The Santa's Sleigh Ride Party is just one of the events along with National Night Out/Crime Watch, Easter Egg Hunt, and Fourth of July Bike Parade University Estates North Homeowners Association brings to help support our sense of community. Your UENHA is also an active voice for the neighborhood in matters of civic, political and public interest.

Many of you will remember we asked for volunteers to serve on the board and committees for 2013. To date we still do not have a Vice-President or replacement Secretary, and numerous Committee Positions are still in need of volunteers. The current board members are at term limits and committee members have been serving in some cases for close to thirty years in one capacity or another. If you or your family members believe our homeowners association is a worthwhile endeavor, please contact one of the officers and volunteer for one of these positions. You can call or tell us at the Party. But however you do it, please step forward so these activities or others of your choosing can give you and your family the rich memories our families have enjoyed for so many years.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank the University Estates North Current Board Members and Committee Chairman, for their service this past year and in several cases, many years prior. I extend many thanks to David Roffino, Vice President 2012 and President Elect for 2013. Also, thank you to Linda Lewis, Secretary and Secretary for the third time in, 2013. That is unless a replacement can be found. Thanks to Linda's Husband, Jim Lewis, Treasurer 2012 and Treasurer elect for 2013. And a special thank you to Martha Feeley, Past President. My thanks also, to Committee Chairmen as follows: Civic – Charlie Rachuig, Crime Watch – Jim Arnett, News Letter Chairman and Social Chairman – Jan Neher, Web Site – Eliot Johnston and Yard of the Month Danette Murphy. Finally I want to thank Stella Daniels the Liaison between University Estates North and the Flag Program.

I look forward to Celebrating the Season with you all at Santa's Sleigh Ride on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## **SLEIGH BELLS - SNOWBALLS SLEIGH BALLS - SNOW BELLS**

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!! Get ready to take a ride through the neighborhood and view our Holiday Lights up close and personal—no windshield or glass windows to get in the way!! Bundle up and enjoy cookies, snacks, and most importantly, hot chocolate with marshmallows! Santa will be on hand to take those last minute orders, and, of course, no UENHA Holiday party is complete without the perennial “snow ball fight”. Come to Briarwick Circle and follow your nose to the “Goodies Table”. The “sleigh” will depart about every 15 minutes. And for our musical selections this year, YOU make the call! E-mail me with your favorite tunes by Dec.7<sup>th</sup> and I will download them and we will have the best “sleigh ride” tunes ever. We know it is a school night, (Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>) so turn on your lights, and meet at 5:30. The last “sleigh ride” will depart at 6:45, and everybody should be tucked into bed by 8, including Rudolph!  
Jan - [janneher@tx.rr.com](mailto:janneher@tx.rr.com)

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### **Welcome to our Flag Program**



University Estates North has partnered with the Richardson Central Rotary Club in their Patriotic Flag Program. For a fee of \$7.00 per flag holiday, which also benefits local scout troops, there will be a 6' tall flag pole and flag installed in front of your home. The five holidays are: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day coupled with 9-11, and Veteran's Day. If you would like to participate in 2013, please make your check out to RCRC for \$35.00. You will then be paid through Veteran's Day, 2013. Please contact our neighborhood volunteers, Stella Daniel at 214-546-6356 or Tracey Huffman at 469-235-0498 to place your order. Thank you in advance for your support. The flags certainly make a statement in our neighborhood!

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMEWATCH** by Jim Arnett

Hello everyone,

Our long run of being crime-free came to an end recently with the theft of an automobile from one of our residents. The vehicle was stolen from inside a garage. While the method of entry to the garage is unclear, it is important to note the keys were left in the car. Fortunately, the car was equipped with a LoJack system and Richardson Police quickly located and recovered it while it was still in Richardson. Arrests have been made in this incident.

Our Crime Watch Patrol recorded only one instance of an open garage door during the month of October. This is really great news and it reinforces why we have so little theft and burglary in UEN. Criminal activity is generally down in the surrounding neighborhoods, but that is likely to change as Christmas approaches. Burglars understand that gifts will be in plain sight under the tree. Keep your draperies or blinds closed at night and when you are away from the home, and make sure all your windows and doors are securely locked – even when you are at home!

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer inviting you to join our new neighborhood social website called **Nextdoor**. We now have 77 homes active on this site and neighbors are beginning to share various recommendations and tips. New since our last newsletter, the Richardson Police Department is now using **Nextdoor** to post important crime prevention warnings and related information to area residents. If you have not yet joined, your UEN Board encourages you to do so. This is a non-commercial site that will not share your contact information; membership is limited to the verified residents of our area. Similar to a community bulletin board, this site will allow all of us to share items of interest, coordinate neighborhood events, and so much more. Please check it out at [universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com](http://universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com).

Shopping tip: place your purchases in your vehicle trunk **before** you leave a shopping area, not when you arrive at a new shopping location.

As always, if you would like to be on my distribution list for crimewatch alerts and general crimewatch information, send me a note at [james\\_arnett@att.net](mailto:james_arnett@att.net). I promise not to share your contact information nor fill your inbox with clutter.

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Current 2013 membership is 61 families/houses. That is about 20% of the number of homes that are eligible to be a part of UENHA. Dues are \$25.00 for the year and can be mailed to the HOA treasurer or delivered to 2010 Oakwood. All are encouraged to join and support your HOA. Our 4th activity of the year, Santa's Sleigh, will be in December. Dues make this possible.

## **Yard of the Month Sponsored by Calloway's / Cornelius**

Congratulations to our **November Yard of the Month Winners**: They are

**2003 Campbell Parkway 1905 Drew Lane 1803 Campbell Trail 1912 Chestnut Hill**

To view these and all previous winning homes, please go to our wonderful website and click on Yard of the Month. Eliot's pictures are really awesome! Please support Calloway's for you garden and landscape needs. We appreciate their continued support of our beautiful neighborhood!

## **FYI**

**Our new UENHA Sign Toppers** are finished and delivered. A great big "Thanks" to Linda Lewis for carrying the ball across the goal line on this long-anticipated project. Come to Santa's Sleigh to see one of the signs on display. The city will install them soon.

**We are going to try to move to a paperless form of THE BUZZ** during this coming year. The benefits to this form are many. Not only will we save our dues money for other things, (like the sign toppers), but any and all can post ads for free. So plan to save a tree and our backs, hips and knees as the delivery crew isn't getting any younger! Please consider joining Nextdoor Neighbor as a great way to stay in the loop.

**Got leaves?** Calloway's suggests simply mowing them to give your lawn a nutritious boost and a blanket against the coming winter. Don't look now, but the pond at Campbell and Shiloh is disappearing. Every drought seems to sneak up on us when it begins in the winter. A blanket of mulched leaves may help retain some moisture and help protect your grass from cold winter winds.

**Postage goes up 1 penny in January.** Get "Forever Stamps" if you need them soon.

**If you are looking for something fun and free to do with your kids, plan a trip to Santa's Village!**

### **2012 Dates For Santa's Village at City Hall**

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony - December 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, December 1 - 2

Thursday - Sunday, December 6 - 9

Thursday - Sunday, December 13 - 16

Santa's Village is open each of the above listed evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is located in front of Richardson City Hall at 411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, 75080.

Web site updates will be posted on the City's website and a recorded message will be available at (972) 744-4300 beginning at 5:00 p.m. the day of the event. The Richardson Emergency Management team will be monitoring weather conditions. Please check either of these services for updates.

**Any card players out there?** Hearts, Spades, Bridge, Euchre, Spoons, Old Maid, War, anything?? e-mail [janneher@tx.rr.com](mailto:janneher@tx.rr.com) Let's get something going!

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# Come see what your neighbors are talking about.

Join Nextdoor University Estates North, the private website for your neighborhood.



To join, visit:  
[universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com/join](http://universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com/join)

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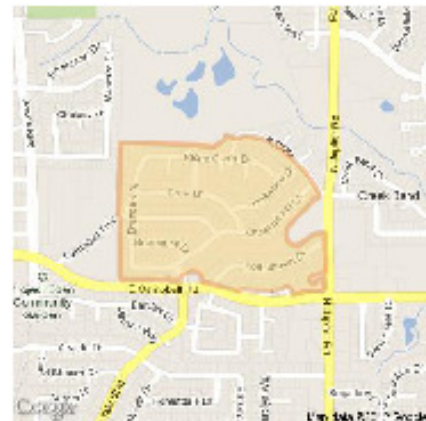
## Your neighbor, Jim Arnett, invited you to join.



Jim (Sky Ridge Crk) writes: "The Board of UENHA invites you to join us on Nextdoor University Estates North, a free and private social network that makes it easy to stay informed about what's happening in our neighborhood. We can use Nextdoor to organize events, share recommendations, borrow things, report suspicious activity, or ask for help and advice. We look forward to seeing you on Nextdoor! Questions? Contact Jim Arnett [james\\_arnett@att.net](mailto:james_arnett@att.net)"

To accept your invitation, visit:  
[universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com/join](http://universitystatesnorth.nextdoor.com/join)  
Your flyer code: **IRSJD8**

## Nextdoor University Estates North



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Get to know your neighbors • Share local recommendations • Lend, borrow and give away • Keep the neighborhood safe • Stay informed

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