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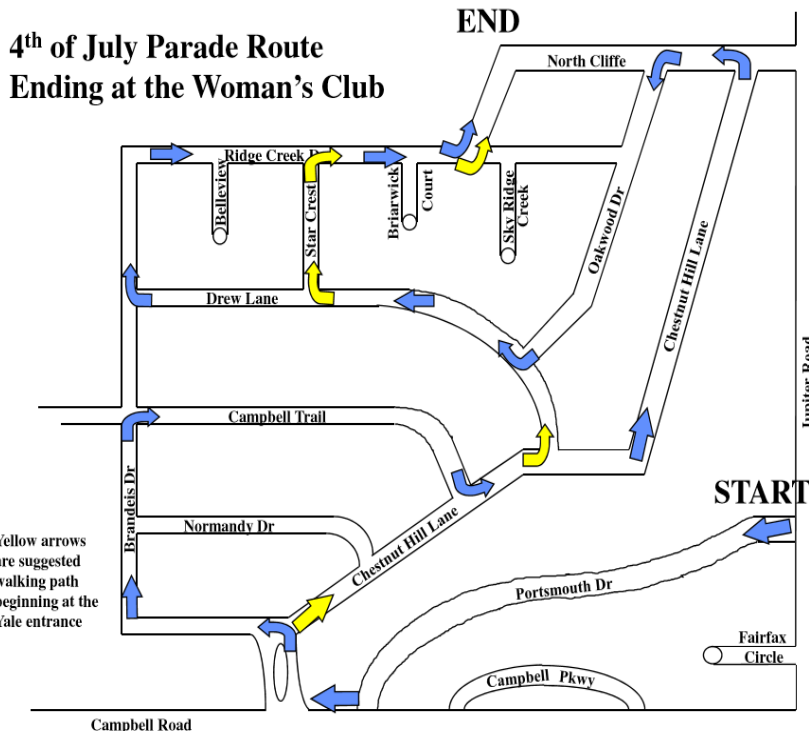
THE BUZZ

It's time to celebrate! The Fourth of July is just around the corner and your HOA board is planning a morning of fun. We would love for you to join us. The day starts with a patriotic parade through the neighborhood and ends with food and activities at the Richardson Woman's Club. Don't miss out!

When: Monday July 4th. Parade begins at 10:00am

Where: Parade begins on Portsmouth Dr. and ends at the Woman's Club. If you're feeling adventurous, come join the parade on bike or foot. Be sure to get there a little early. If not, you can just wave from your front yard or greet us at the Woman's Club and join in on the food and fun. Additional information can be found on your neighborhood website – www.uenha.org. Interested in helping with the Fourth of July activities? You can expect a "SignUpGenius" via NextDoor.com soon with several options for helping. It would definitely be appreciated and its an easy way to get involved with the neighborhood. Current members of the HOA should have received the 2016 membership directory. If you happen to run into Jim Lewis (current HOA Treasurer), be sure to give him a big thank you! He tackled the membership directory project single handedly from start to finish. That includes hand delivering to your doorstep! Thanks for being a part of this wonderful neighborhood and I hope to see you at our annual Fourth of July celebration.

Jeff Burrows – UENHA President



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMEWATCH by Jim Arnett

School is out and summer is upon us with a vengeance! If you have kiddos around the home there's usually a lot of coming and going. That often results in open garage doors and unlocked exterior doors – key things that thieves like to spot and take advantage of. Bikes left out in the yard are easy pickings for the drive-by thief who will make a few bucks selling it at a garage sale or flea market. Keep the garage doors closed and frequently check your exterior doors to see that they are locked - this is especially important when you prepare for bed. And... don't leave a purse, electronics, or other valuables in sight of the back door or kitchen windows when you close up for the night.

We've had a couple of recent incidents of stolen wheels from vehicles parked in the driveway. This is a reminder that the thieves love the dark and hate well lighted areas. If you must park a vehicle outside at night, add some spotlights to the area. The CFL and LED floodlights are very cheap to operate and last a long time. Adding in a light sensor to the fixture takes away the burden of remembering to turn on the lights each night – just leave the switch on and let the sensor manage the process.

There are any number of homes getting new roofs and that means the materials are usually delivered several days in advance of the actual work. Keep an eye out for vehicles cruising the alleys such as pickups, vans, and box trucks. They like to grab as many of these supplies as possible, especially in the nighttime hours (there's that lighting thing again!).

Stay safe and have a wonderful summer vacation.

Jim



Welcome to our Flag Program

Our neighborhood certainly looks awesome with all the flags flying in the breeze. **Thank You Stella Daniel** for getting us started and keeping the program rolling!!As this program is run by the Richardson Rotary Clubs, they are taking over the nuts and bolts of the program from the neighborhoods as each neighborhood had their own way of doing things, making it difficult for them to keep track of everything. So, if you wish to have a flag placed in your front yard, from now on please **contact Tim Quillici at info@richardsonflags.org or mail to Richardson Flags, P.O. 832224, Richardson, Texas 75083** If you are not sure if you are to receive a flag for the 4th, be sure to contact Tim ASAP.



Yard of the Month

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Calloway's will be giving each Yard of the Month winner a \$25 gift certificate.

Timely Tips for July Gardeners from Calloway's Nursery

Gardening activities usually slow down in the Summertime as the temperature continues to climb into the 90's and beyond. Because it is often a very dry and hot month, maintenance is the focus. The best time to do any kind of gardening or maintenance is early in the morning or late in the day when temperatures are cooler. Now is the time to sit back and relax while enjoying the beautiful garden areas you've created.

Proper watering is essential to keep plants healthy during the Summer. It is best to water as deeply and infrequently as possible, as opposed to frequent light sprinklings. This will encourage a deeper root system that can take advantage of water stored in the soil.

One of the best strategies for getting shrubs and young trees through Summertime is to apply a thick layer of mulch over the root systems of plants. Mulches break down over time, so if it has been awhile since you've mulched, check all the plants in your yard. A three to four inch layer will prevent most evaporation from the soil and lower the soil temperature in the root zone, reducing stress on the root system.

Drip irrigation combined with mulch is an excellent way to maintain your garden and lawn. Drip irrigation, also known as trickle irrigation or micro irrigation is a method that saves water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants, either into the soil surface or directly into the root zone, through a network of valves, pipes, tubing, and emitters. It is done through narrow tubes that deliver water directly to the base of the plant. This allows for fertilizer and nutrient loss to be minimized due to localized application and reduced leaching. Soil erosion and weed growth is also lessened with this type of irrigation. Drip irrigation also allows the foliage to remain dry which reducing the risk of disease. If drip irrigation is not an option, consider using soaker hoses to provide a good source of water to your garden or bedding plants.

Water plants in containers and hanging baskets more frequently in the Summer to keep them from drying out. This can leach out plant nutrients from the soil, so use a water-soluble fertilizer regularly to keep your plants growing and healthy.

YARD of the MONTH Winners for Section 1 for 2016 (Portsmouth, Campbell Pkwy, Fairfax Circle)

April-2003 Campbell Parkway; **May- 2011** Portsmouth; **June-2101** Portsmouth

YARD of the MONTH Winners for Section 2 (Brandeis from (Campbell Tr., Drew, Bellevue Ct., Ridge Creek, Star Crest, North Cliffe)

April-2014 Ridge Creek; **May-2009** Ridge Creek; **June-1808** Drew

YARD of the MONTH Winners for Sec. 3 (Brandeis to Campbell Tr.; Campbell Tr., Normandy, Chestnut Hill to Main Entrance)

April-1803 Campbell Trail; **May-1811** Campbell Tr.; **June-2003** Brandeis

YARD of the MONTH Winners for SEC. 4 (Briarwick Ct., Sky Ridge Creek, Oakwood, Ridge Creek from North Cliffe,

Chestnut Hill from the Main Entrance to North Cliffe)

April-2010 Chestnut Hill **May-2014** Oakwood; **June 202024** North Cliff

Thanks to our YOM helpers and Elliot Johnston for his great photos! Check it out at uenha.org

Timely Tips for August Gardeners from Calloway's Nursery

August is here and needless to say, it is HOT! However, Fall is right around the corner and here are a few tips to get you through the dog days of Summer. This is usually one of the driest months for our region, and rainfall may be sparse. When and how you water becomes even more important.

Make the best use of the water you have by watering early in the morning before the wind speeds pick up. Otherwise, much of the water will evaporate before the plants get to use it. To further avoid excess evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water instead of a fine mist. Plants need about one inch of water each week during this long Summer period. If you have heavy clay soil adjust the timing of the irrigation zones to make sure water is not running off the landscape. Your irrigation schedule should be adjusted to allow for slow infiltration of the water.

Soil that is exposed can heat up to more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hot enough to kill those tender roots near the surface. Three to four inches of mulch can make the soil 10 to 20

degrees cooler. Besides reducing soil temperature, mulches also conserve water by reducing evaporation, often up to 65 percent.

August is the last month to plant a new lawn before Winter temperatures arrive. Newly-installed lawns need at least six to eight weeks to establish a healthy root system.

Prune roses back, but do not remove more than one-third of the plant. Prune and remove spent blooms on annuals and perennials to encourage continuous blooming well into Fall.

Tomatoes and Peppers planted earlier this year will not produce fruit during the heat of the Summer, even though they may still be flowering. If the plants remain healthy, they will bear fruit again once the temperature stays below 90 degrees. Remember to fertilize established, healthy plants and keep them watered to encourage new growth. Set out Tomato transplants; look for early maturing variety (65 to 75 days). Our average first freeze is mid-November and Tomato maturity slows down as the days get cool and cloudy.

Stop by your nearest Calloway's Nursery for friendly, expert advice from one of our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals.

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### **Jerry Nichols Vice PresidentI**

I am chairman of the Elder Justice Committee at the Senior Source in Dallas. In 2014 the Senior Source (provides financial counseling for the elderly) joined hands with the Dallas County Probate Courts (provide guardianship for the protection of the elderly who are being abused), and the Dallas County District Attorney's office (prosecutes those guilty of financial crimes against the elderly). This collaboration of three agencies is called the Elder Financial Safety Center and it is the only one of its kind in the nation. It is housed at the Senior Source, 3910 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas.

Here is a quiz for anyone who is a senior citizen:

1. Would you like someone to help you with a budget?
2. Do you think a friend or family member is taking financial advantage of you?
3. Are you concerned about an older adult who can no longer make safe decisions for himself?
4. Are you getting unsolicited calls regarding investments, home repairs or financial planning?
5. Are you over 50 and need a job?
6. Do you have to choose between buying medicine and paying utility bills?
7. Would you like to learn more about benefits you could be receiving?

8. Do you know an older adult who is confused and their money is being taken by other people?
9. Have you been pressured to sign any legal documents such as a power of attorney or will?
10. Do you have questions about Medicare or other insurance?
11. Are you concerned about an older adult living alone who forgets to pay bills or see a doctor?
12. Would computer classes help you with getting a job?
13. Is your credit card debt out of control?
14. Can you afford to keep your home safe?
15. Are you having trouble paying your bills?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions and live in Dallas County the Elder Financial Safety Center can help. Contact them at [efsc@theseniorsource.org](mailto:efsc@theseniorsource.org). Most of the services at the center are free.

The most important word in working with seniors is **trust**. And that is a word that accurately describes this amazing center.

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## **The 2016 UENHA Directories have been Distributed!**

**By Jim Lewis**

The 2016 UENHA membership directory was completed in late spring and was immediately delivered to the current membership. If you feel that you should have received a copy, please contact Jim Lewis @ (214)732-0822 and he will verify your membership and deliver a copy to you.

A new feature of the directory is a "centerfold" of the Know-Your-Neighbors program. Please take the time to fill in the contact information for your neighbors in this easy to find location and remember always, Dial 911 in case of an emergency, then call your neighbor!

If you have found any errors in your informational UENHA member listing, please contact Jim also. If the need for additional copies to be printed arises, corrections/additions might be possible then.

Three new members have joined since publication of the directory. Please add these to your **NEW NEIGHBORS** section of your directory:

☺ Katherine Goldman, 2009 Oakwood Drive, Home (972) 980-0053,  
Cell (214) 457-7326.

☺ Tom Gresslin, 2107 Sky Ridge Creek, Cell (214) 799-7736.



Construction has hit boom times. Let's hope we'll get to have some great shops and restaurants on our side of town. If you find something really good, (or the opposite) be sure to let us know on nextdoor.com so we can be informed before walking in.

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## **GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL UENHA JULY 4TH PARADE**

**Against all odds, 240 years ago** a group of men decided to attempt the impossible and grow a new country. Luckily for us, they won! And we, as the inheritors of this great land get to show our appreciation every year at this time as we remember how it all began. So join us in our little parade, by car, on foot, on bikes with one, two, or three wheels; for the entire route or just for a few houses on your street. **We begin on Portsmouth at Jupiter, promptly at 10:00 am transfer to the sidewalk at Campbell,** and then get back into the street on Chestnut Hill. Be sure to attach a plastic grocery bag to your handle bars for icy wash cloths, and empty water bottles. A water cooler will be set up on Chestnut Hill at Yale as we wait for everybody to catch up from Portsmouth, so help yourselves as you go by. **Another cooler will be at Chestnut Hill and Drew; and another at Drew and Star Crest.** Walkers can take the short cut down Star Crest OR the shorter cut down North Cliffe to the Woman's Club. We will supply a cd of John Phillip Sousa's Greatest Hits to play in your cars, Walkman's, or your old 1986 Boom Box and we have a few tapes for Fisher Price Kiddo recorders. **Do join us at the Woman's Club where the Ice Cream truck will be handing out treats** and tables filled with **hot dogs and chips, a birthday cake** and water will be ready and waiting for us as we roll in. Don't forget, a wash cloth with ice cubes rolled up inside is a great thing on the back of your neck, as is a sun umbrella, decorated or not! Of course, there will be "fireworks" and doodads for the kids and their bikes. So, take a few minutes out of your day and spend it with your neighbors and friends as we celebrate our nation's birthday. This year, we'd like to have little **"Meet and Greets" for the kiddos by age.** We will supply a stack of note cards for you to exchange names, phone numbers, and addresses so your little ones can begin life-long friendships with their neighborhood kids. Just think, 60 years from now they will be talking about how their neighborhood had a bike parade and how they messed up the guys teeing off on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee with their "fireworks" and ice cream trucks and balloons and Sousa marches and hot dogs and root beer floats and birthday cakes, and how hot it was and . . . Should Mother Nature play a nasty trick with rain or storms please go to **nextdoor.com** to see what changes we will have to put in place.

**Thanks to all who have volunteered in so many ways !!! See you on the Fourth!!**