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University Estates North Homeowners Association

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President's Newsletter

In a world where everyone seems to be perpetually busy, wouldn't it be nice to take an evening off and actually meet your neighbors and city representatives? I'm talking about taking one evening off from your busy schedule and actually getting to know the names and faces of those who surround you. National Night Out is the perfect opportunity and it's one of the many community events that makes University Estates North so special. This is a chance to show your commitment to our wonderful neighborhood.

NNO has a worthy cause that our neighborhood has always supported. To quote their website, "National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

University Estates North has always had a strong sense of community and I would love to keep that going. It's one of those intangibles that makes our neighborhood so great. If you feel the same way, please show your support by joining us ***and don't forget to bring nonperishable food items for our local food pantry donation.***

National Night Out and annual HOA board member election

When: Tuesday October 2nd from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Where: The Richardson Women's Club

Dinner: Chick-fil-A sandwiches, pizza, salad, dessert and water

Why: It's a great chance to socialize with your neighbors and hear from your city officials.

What to bring: Nonperishable food items to donate as well as your lawn chairs or blanket.

Guest Speakers: The following city leaders plan on making a brief visit. State Rep. Angie Chen Button, Mayor Paul Voelker, City Council Member Mark Solomon, Chief of Police Jim Spivey, Fire Chief Curtis Poovey.

Membership and drawing: Be sure to bring your 2018 HOA membership form and dues! If you do, your name will be placed in a drawing for one of several gift cards to local restaurants.

Agenda: This is our annual HOA board meeting and we will hold board officer elections.

Board Member Elections

As mentioned above, this also serves as our annual meeting for board member elections. Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be accepted up until we make a final call at the meeting itself. Voting will be by a show of hands at the meeting. Early nominations can be submitted to president@uenha.org. Please include the person's full name and nomination position. The expectation is that the person will be present to accept the nomination.

Sincerely,

Jeff Burrows – UENHA President

Neighborhood Crimewatch by Jim Arnett

The term “Crimewatch” has been with us for many years and is the very spirit of what NNO is all about – neighbors helping their neighbors to reduce crime and make their community a safer place. Crimewatch takes very little effort beyond simple observation of what’s going on around your home and those nearby. A modern take on this is “See Something, Say Something”. If you spot your neighbor’s garage door open and no one around, give them a call to ensure all is OK. And... if you don’t get an answer, call the Richardson Police non-emergency number to report the situation. See someone acting suspiciously walking along the street or alley? Once again, give RPD a call. They really do want to hear from you.

Crime Watch Patrol is a more recent approach to neighborhood safety and is a more active approach. Residents who have been through a police training class volunteer their time to drive, ride a bike, or even walk through their neighborhood to look for those opportunities a criminal might exploit. The visibility of the CWP is a major deterrent to a lot of criminal activity – burglars and thieves simply do not want to be seen. CWP is an easy process and RPD asks only that volunteers provide a minimum of one hour of patrol time each month. UEN enjoys an almost negligible crime rate and much of this is attributable to our CWP group. Give some thought as to what our circumstances might be if we didn’t have a CWP.

The newest approach to neighborhood safety is the Crimewatch Dog Walker program. What better way to add eyes to RPD’s patrol efforts than all the folks who are regularly exercising Fido or Fifi to also keep a lookout for suspicious activity. It takes no more effort than you are already doing and your pooch will get a spiffy bandana to wear for their walk. Contact RPD for details on how to participate in this new program.

UEN Community-Wide Yard Sale – Fall Edition

As discussed on our social media site *NEXTDOOR*, the fall University Estates North community-wide Yard Sale is scheduled to occur on the 3rd of November. This will be individual families conducting their own sales at their UEN residences, as we did last spring. To avoid alley traffic snarls, please again conduct your sale on the front of your property. Signage will be provided to get our “customers” into UEN, but individual directional signs at key corners within UEN might direct the customers to your sale quicker. A community-wide garage sale permit will be obtained so there will be no need to get the free permit to conduct your sale.

This year, my wife & I will be designating the funds from our sale to a non-profit we support. Consider donating from your sale to your favorite charity or nonprofit. Also, remember GoodWill and other charities are always glad to receive those yard/garage sale leftovers.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Jim Lewis (jlewis1@gmail.com).

WHAT MOST NEEDS TO CHANGE IN THE WORLD

“Don’t tell us the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.” That was the motto of my niece’s class when she graduated from high school in 2014.

No doubt about it. There is no limit to what Americans can do as members of a free society. But we must preserve our freedom by being responsible citizens. And that means exercising our right to vote. To those of you who never bother to vote, listen to these words of Martin Luther King, Jr: “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Please don’t say, “I don’t have the time.” Rather say, “It’s not a priority.”

I will never forget these words of John Kennedy: “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

I think of three Americans who exemplify what it means to sacrifice for liberty. First, Senator John McCain, a Navy war veteran. He was shot down over North Vietnam and was tortured for 5 1/2 years as a POW. He then served for many years as a legislator in the U.S. Congress. He died on August 25, 2018.

Second, Father Mychal Judge, a Roman Catholic priest and a chaplain in the New York City Fire Department. On September 11, 2001 he and other first-responders ran into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. When the South Tower collapsed it sent debris flying into the North Tower. When the dust cleared Father Judge was dead. His death certificate has him as No. 1 on the list of over 3000 people who died that day.

Third, there is a hero who is closer to home. He is veteran Richardson police officer, David Sherrard. He was killed in the line of duty on February 8, 2018.

What inspiring examples these men are of sacrificing for liberty. They are indeed heroes. But as someone has said, “A hero is anyone who does what he can.” In that sense we can all be heroes when we go to the polls and vote.

Someone asked me recently, “What most needs to change in the world?” I answered, “I do.”

-----Jerry Nichols, your neighbor on Portsmouth

From Our Neighbors at the Richardson Woman's Club

Hi Neighbors!

The Richardson Woman's Club would like to invite you to a fun-filled event, **Gourmet on the Grounds**, a Community Table Dinner and Casino Night to be held on Saturday, October 13. It will be an exciting evening bringing together guests from the community with RWC club members. This not-to-be-missed evening will feature live entertainment by local swing jazz vocalist Brad Ackland and other musicians, and a Wine Pull. Tickets for **Gourmet on the Grounds**, which include dinner, wine, entertainment, and \$100 worth of chips for the Casino, are \$50 per person. Tickets may be purchased on the RWC website (rwctx.org) or by contacting Gayle Ingle (gs_ingle@hotmail.com or 214-929-4730).

On November 17-18, Holidays at RWC will take place. Not only will we feature the traditional Bake Shop and Holiday Luncheon, but we will have our Mistletoe Shoppe, a bazaar with epicurean items and gifts for the holidays. Also, featured will be a photographer to take your holiday photos.

Richardson Woman's Club is a proud supporter of the Richardson community. Among its annual contributions are its long-time sponsorship of the City of Richardson's Mrs. Claus' Bakery at Santa's Village, multiple RWC scholarships given to Richardson high school seniors, and this year one to a child of the City of Richardson First Responders, donations to numerous community outreach programs, hundreds of pairs of new shoes presented to the RISD Council of PTA's Clothes Closet "Shoe-Shoe Train," and Birthday Party Bags to clients of PediPlace.

Purchase your tickets to Gourmet on the Grounds today and join us on Saturday, October 13 from 6-10:30 PM. **We're saving you a place!**

