

CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Crowley Park Residents,

Finally spring is here! The Bradford pear trees are showing their white blossoms, but the tulips and daffodils have been struggling against the recent weather. January and the first half of February were so mild that you would think that we "dodged a bullet" for the winter weather. However, the last two weeks of February and the first week of March reminded us that we live in North Texas and the first official day of spring is March 21. We will wish we had some of this weather in August. The last nice day in February was on Saturday February 14, and that was the day of our CPNA annual Trash Bash.

At this time I want to recognize Leslie Gulledge for her service in organizing the Trash Bash. Leslie, a long time resident, lives on the east side of Crowley Park on Blackberry. Leslie will offer advice and counsel about our canine friends from the picnic table at the corner of Blackberry and the sidewalk she occupies when the weather is nice.

Leslie has taken the Trash Bash from a handful of hearty souls to a large gathering in just 4 years. The first year Leslie used chalk on the sidewalk to give notice that there was a Trash Bash to be held in April. The first year there were approximately 10 volunteers and they collected over 30 bags of trash and 30 bags of recycling from the creek in Crowley Park. It was after the first year that the date was changed to mid-February because at that time of the year there is no poison ivy and the zoospores, hellgrammites and phytoplankton, are still in hibernation and do not pose a threat to humans.

This year Leslie picked Valentine's Day -- what a romantic way to spend the day with that special person in your life, picking trash out of Crowley Park Creek. There were 53 volunteers along with a couple of city council persons, who collected 29 bags of trash and 22 bags of recycling. This was less trash than previous years. Some speculate that this is due to the annual trash pick up. Also less rainfall means less trash washing into the creek. If you see Leslie on the sidewalk along Crowley Park please tell her "Thanks!" I know everyone had a good time especially with the excellent weather. Next year in mid-February watch for the notice and come pick trash and meet some new people. Also you just might have fun exploring and cleaning Crowley Park Creek.

We have several more activities coming up this spring. We have Crowley Park Garage Sale; for details stay tuned. On Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 2015, we will recognize all the veterans in our neighborhood. Keep up with all the activities on the Crowley Park Website.

Come to participate in a CPNA activity. . . you just might meet someone new and have fun.

Terry Ziegler

The Second Best Exotic Crowley Park Neighborhood Association President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2015

CPNA Community Garage Sale

April 18, 8am - 4pm
www.cor.net/garagesale

Cottonwood Art Festival

May 2-3, 2015
Cottonwood Park

Wildflower! Festival

May 15-17, 2015
Galatyn Park

CPNA Salute to Veterans

May 23, 2015
North end of Crowley Park

Summer 2015

CPNA Ice Cream Social

June 27, 2-4pm
Location TBD

Family 4th of July

July 4, 6pm - 10:15pm
Location TBD

CPNA General Annual Meeting TBD

Salute to Veterans SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

Crowley Park will be hosting a Salute to Veterans Event on May 23rd at the north end of the park to honor our veterans with special recognition to WWII & Korean veterans.

Our committee is working very hard to make this special occasion. Boy Scout troop 295 will present the colors and a young woman from Crowley Park will sing. Speaker details will be released at a later date along with other vital information. Keep watching for updates via email, NextDoor and signage around our neighborhood.

Large tents, chairs, an audio system and refreshments will be provided.

We are still looking for veterans who live in our neighborhood. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran please contact Glenda Jenkins at dlgljenkins@aol.com.

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THE BENCHES AROUND CROWLEY PARK!

By Dot Pitts

While resting on a bench around Crowley Park, have you ever wondered about their histories? Each bench and plaque has been purchased and dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. The following stories share some information about the persons honored on each plaque.

Kristin Michelle Day, *Faith Triumphant*

Kristin Day loved growing up in Richardson, especially being in the Berkner High School Drill Team. Diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor during her sophomore year at Baylor University, she died in Richardson at her childhood home. Even as life slipped away, her faith soared to that day when all Creation will celebrate a new beginning in Christ. From Kristin's bench, visitors can enjoy a magnificent sunrise, be serenaded by joyful songbirds, or daydream beneath endless blue sky. Kristin knew them all as delightful hints of "the best is yet to come." Faith Triumphant!



Kristin's family, including her aunt, Peggy Box, a resident of Crowley Park had the bench placed on North Spring Dr. and Greenpark near the softball diamonds. The bench and marker were installed in May 2002.

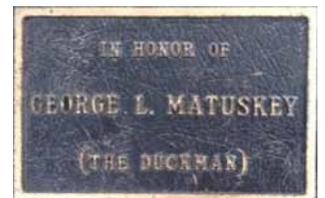
Bob Wittich

The wife of a former resident of Crowley Park had a bench installed near the softball diamonds. This bench was installed in late 2002 to honor the memory of her late husband, Bob Wittich.



George Matuskey, *The Duck Man!*

Facing the Crowley Park pond sits a bench dedicated to the "Duck Man," George Matuskey. George began feeding and caring for the ducks about 25 years ago. Every morning, rain or shine, he would grab his yellow pail filled with corn and head across the street to feed his feathered friends. He has rescued baby ducklings from the drain, removed fishhooks from their mouths and adopted all the ducks into his family.



After such "duck" dedication, George's wife, Sally, contacted Richardson's Park Superintendent, Dan Baker, to locate the perfect spot for a bench. With Dan's help, Sally decided that the ideal spot would be directly across the street from their home. In April of 2004 Sally succeeded in surprising George. After returning home, George noticed a city truck and the bench across the street. Mr. Matuskey said, "A guy was cleaning it off with a broom. I walked over and saw the plaque and I started to cry. Sally bought the bench as a surprise for me and I was completely shocked."



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TIMELY TIPS FOR APRIL GARDENERS from Calloway's and Cornelius

April means "to open" or "opening", in allusion to it being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open". This is the month of rebirth and hope for the future. If April means spring to you; get out your gardening tools and get moving. Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery are fully stocked with all kinds of plants and products for every purpose for the itchy green thumb. Consider adding Native Plants to your landscape. Native plants tolerate our Texas Summer heat better than most, require less water, require less mowing, provide habitats for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil and save on fertilizers and insecticides.

A successful garden begins with good soil. Organic material is important to the soil composition. It helps with drainage and increases the microbe population. Expanded shale is used to break up hard compacted clay soils. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with organic mulches.

Hopefully you have your tomatoes, peppers, squash, and other warm season vegetables already planted; if not get them in the ground right away. To get the highest yields, make additions of fertilizer (called sidedressing) every couple of weeks, starting about a month after transplanting or seeding.

If your yard is too small for traditional garden plot, try gardening in containers. The bigger the container, the better! Container gardens need more attention since they dry out faster and need regular additions of fertilizer to compensate for the more frequent irrigation.

If you want to create a truly dynamic garden, inviting colorful guests like butterflies and hummingbirds is definitely the way to go. Butterflies like sunshine and plenty of space to fly around, so opt for a sunny, open spot. Both enjoy having some type of cover as a resting spot. Your garden should include some type of water feature as butterflies and hummingbirds often congregate around water.

St. Augustine and Bermuda lawns should be actively growing now; so it is a great time to apply fertilizer. Please consult your Calloway / Cornelius Nursery for the best fertilizer advice for your lawn. A correctly fertilized lawn now will better help your lawn to handle the Texas Summer Heat!

In-Store Garden Series

- Saturday, April 4 th at 10:15 am** – *Lavish, Colorful, Stylish Shade Gardens*
Saturday, April 11 th at 10:15 am – *Plant for Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens*
Saturday, April 18 th at 10:15 am – *Native Plants for Texas Gardens*
Saturday, April 25 th at 10:15 am – *Easy Care Flowers, Top Picks from Proven Winners*

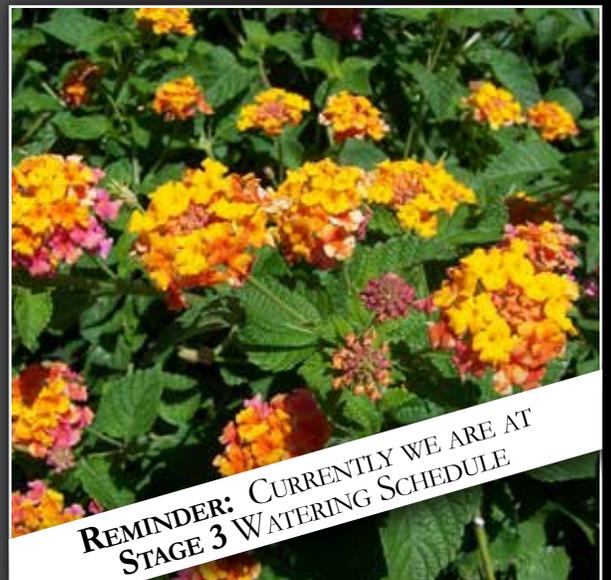
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Contributed by Bonnie Cash

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

- **Begin planting summer annuals, such as lantana and pentas (sun) and impatiens and coleus (shade), as they become available at local nurseries. Some summer tropicals may also be found in nurseries toward the end of April**
- **Now is great time to plant new perennials in your garden. Make sure to select plants that are right for your zone. Consult nursery professionals if you are uncertain.**
- **Continue planting new trees, shrubs and roses. Don't forget to fertilize new plantings.**
- **All summer veggies and herbs can be planted this month.**
- **Continue sodding and seeding lawns. As the temperatures warm, make sure sod stays moist until it begins to root out.**
- **Continue any tree and shrub pruning to reshape old and new growth.**
- **Continue pruning and reshaping any spring blooming shrubs and vines after they finish flowering.**
- **Continue fertilizing lawns and prepare to start mowing if you haven't already.**

Source: DallasArboretum.org



**REMINDER: CURRENTLY WE ARE AT
STAGE 3 WATERING SCHEDULE**

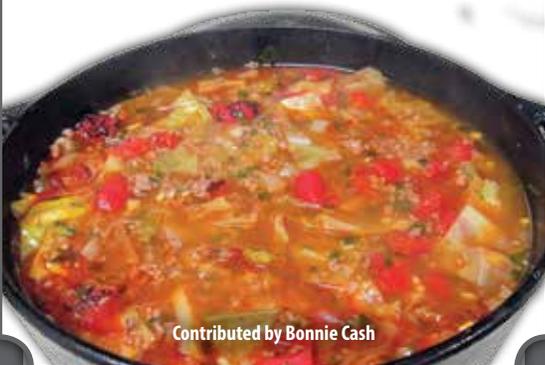
UNSTUFFED CABBAGE ROLL SOUP

- 2 lbs of lean ground beef or turkey
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 small head of cabbage (chopped)
- 2 cans (14.5 ounces each)
diced tomatoes
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water (more or less)
- 1 tsp black pepper, 1 tsp sea salt

Heat olive oil, add your meat and onions. Cook until no longer pink. Remove excess fat if desired. Add garlic, cook additional minute. Add the chopped cabbage, tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt, pepper, and other seasonings to your liking. Add water and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 20 to 30 min or until cabbage is tender.

Variation: I have added more veggies such as chopped carrots and/or yellow, red or green chopped peppers & a little more liquid ingredients to soup.

Variation: Do not add as much liquid and you can serve over rice or pasta.



Contributed by Bonnie Cash



The ultimate spring cleaning opportunity has arrived in Crowley Park! Clean out closets, unload those garages and join the fun of a neighborhood garage sale!

On April 18 from 8:00AM-4:00 PM, Crowley Park Neighborhood Association will promote the first ever CPNA Garage Sale. CPNA will provide signage around the park and neighborhood as well as additional advertising, social media and in the CPNA newsletter. Each homeowner or a few neighbors or an entire street, the more the better, can participate. The city permits, signage at the home, and specific advertisements are the responsibility of the individual homeowner.

Go to the city website, www.cor.net/garagesale from the Community Services, Code Enforcement link to apply for the 72 hour permit. The website details all directions for applying and advertising the garage sale.

When completing the garage sale application online, be sure to click on the link to access some important crime prevention tips for garage sales. The Richardson Police Department has created a crime prevention sheet for those holding garage sales, which includes tips on ways to prevent theft and instruction on what to do if a theft does occur. To take a closer look at the tips, visit the Richardson website at www.cor.net/garagesalecrimeprevention. Follow the city requirements for a safe and successful garage sale experience with your neighbors in Crowley Park.



VACATION CRIME WATCH

By Terry Ziegler

Later on this year we start thinking about vacations which means we will be gone from our homes and property for an extended time. While you are away enjoying your vacation will you be a victim of crime? Don't be a victim! Take an active role in preventing crime. The simplest measure to prevent a crime is to let someone know when you are leaving!

When you are gone from your home for an extended period of time take some basic precautions to deter anyone from victimizing your property. Below are a few simple things to do to "harden" your home and automobiles against being a victim of crime, while you are gone on vacation.

- Make sure all your doors and windows are locked. Periodically the police have found homes unlocked while people are on vacation.
- Notify your neighbors on either side, and in front and behind that you will be gone and to watch for and report any suspicious activity around your home to the police.
- Arrange lawn mowing while you are away.
- Make your house look "occupied" by putting lights on timers. Leave a radio playing on a "talk" station – from the outside it may make a "would be" burglar think twice about entering your home.
- Arrange to have your mail and newspaper picked up or stop delivery of the newspaper.
- Richardson Police Department offers a Vacation House watch service. Contact RPD for further details on this service.

In addition to being a victim of crime, there is also a possibility of a catastrophic failure of your plumbing systems while you are away. If you have a water heater failure, you could suffer major damage to your home. With an extra set of eyes on your home hopefully someone can stop the flow of water before it causes major damage.

So when you leave town let someone know when you will be back and "just in case" how to get in touch with you if there is any problem.



CROWLEY PARK CRIME WATCH PATROL

We are now up to 25 volunteers and can always use more. If you are interested please contact Terry Ziegler at 972.238.7254 or Conard Kester @ 214.707.5414. For further details check out the City of Richardson web site www.cor.gov.

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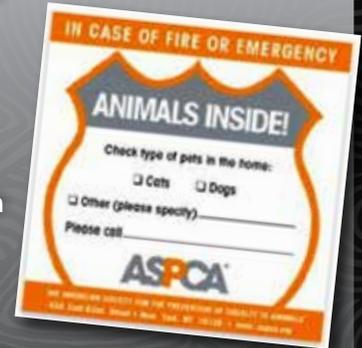
PROTECT YOUR PET!

Contributed by Alisha Gimbel
Preparedness & Mitigation Coordinator, City of Richardson

Getting Started:

ID Your Pet

Make sure your furry friend is wearing a collar with identification tags that are up-to-date, take a recent photo, and notate



special markings. Increase your chances of being reunited by having him/her microchipped and include your cell phone number on your pet's ID tag.

Update your emergency kit to include:

- Food and water for your pet
- Medications and medical records
- Pet waste supplies (bags, litter, newspapers)
- Leash, harness, and carrier
- Current photos and descriptions
- Contact information for your veterinarian
- Other useful items like paper towels, trash bags, grooming supplies, bleach, cleaning wipes, and toys

You are always responsible for the daily care and maintenance of your pet so it's especially important to plan for them in case of emergencies. Make plans in advance for their care outside your immediate area including friends, relatives, kennels, and pet-friendly hotels. If you evacuate, take your pet with you.

Let's Get Ready Richardson!

Prepare for everyday emergencies by finding a backup caretaker who knows the location of your pet's food and medication. Visit the ASPCA Disaster Preparedness Website for more information including a FREE 'In Case of Fire or Emergency' evacuation sticker <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness> and download the ASPCA Mobile App <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/aspc-launches-mobile-app-pet-parents> to your phone.

To plan for you and your family, visit the City of Richardson Emergency Management website at www.cor.net/em or call 972-744-0900.

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THE BENCHES AROUND CROWLEY PARK!

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GEESE PAST AND PRESENT

While taking a stroll around the park, you may have observed some geese gliding across the pond. No these particular geese are not the same geese that resided in the neighborhood from 1987 to 2000. For 13 years, our resident "Duck Man" cared for a pair of African geese that were very territorial of all spaces near the pond. Anyone walking by could count on one or both geese honking a greeting. After the deaths of Honkers and Bonkers, one in 1998 and the other in 2000, the Crowley Park pond has missed these beautiful geese.

However, this winter several new geese have been gliding across the pond. These appear to have the markings of Canadian geese, but they, too, have added beauty to our neighborhood pond. They are just dropping in on their migration back to the north, so it is nice that they chose the Crowley Park pond for a short rest. Be sure to check out all the variety of ducks and geese visiting the pond as you take that stroll.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT GEESE

- A goose will mate for life
- Geese always fly in the shape of a "V"
- The female goose lays 1 egg each day, until a full clutch of about five eggs is obtained
- Geese have a strong urge to return to the place of their birth
- Migratory geese will fly up to 3000 miles to return to their place of birth
- Males are called gander
- Females are called goose
- Babies are called goslings
- The collective name for a group is a gaggle



This park bench faces the duck pond along the walkway around the park. Many people rest on "George's" bench while taking a walk or sit and enjoy the pond and the "Duck Man's" many ducks. George continues to keep watch over the park and the ducks that fly in and out of the area.

Melissa Ann Cooper & Lisa Marie Wickle

Melissa was a young healthy young woman who loved helping others. She was outgoing, generous and just loved people. Her life ended within a short period after becoming ill in March 1996. Her birthday was five months before her death when she asked her mother what she could start collecting. As mothers do, she suggested Melissa might start a collection of Angels as she loved helping others. She got her first and only angel that birthday.



Friends, neighbors, and co-workers collected money for a remembrance of the girl. They worked with the parks department found the location for the bench and still had funds to purchase 2 small trees planted on both sides of the bench, which are still thriving there today. This was the first bench placed in the park.



Father Canon Craig Merkel

On the Spring Lake Drive side of Crowley Pak across from Lilly Lane is the bench and plaque dedicated to the memory of the Reverend Canon Craig Merkel. This bench and marker were installed in June of 2010.



Father Merkel was the founding rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church in Richardson. He was also a retired Air Traffic Controller who served for twenty years at Fort Worth Air Traffic Control Center. Beginning in 2000, he was the Chief Chaplain for the Dallas Police Department, where he served the men and women of the Dallas police force. Father Merkel was also an active supporter, and former Board Member of, Network of Community Ministries in Richardson.

Father Merkel was truly a man with many interests, including firefighting, scuba diving and motorcycle riding. He bought his first motorcycle at age 18 and eventually acquired his beloved Harley Davidson. You may have seen Father Merkel riding his Harley Davidson around the neighborhood, wearing his clerical collar. Father Merkel lived with his wife, Stephanie, on Tulip Drive, and he loved to walk the park with his beloved dog, Shannon.



VOLUNTEERING BENEFITS

Contributed by Bonnie Cash

Volunteering has been proven to have numerous health benefits. Research shows that volunteering leads to many mental and physical health benefits. Volunteering helps improve mood, makes you feel healthier, increases your sense of purpose and reduces your stress levels. Volunteering can also give us a deep sense of happiness, both immediately and long term.

About a quarter of people who volunteer say that volunteering has helped them manage a chronic illness such as depression.

- 76% of people who volunteer say that volunteering has made them feel healthier.
- 94% of people who volunteer say that volunteering improves their mood.
- 96% of people say that volunteering enriches their sense of purpose.
- 95% of people who volunteer say they are helping to make their community a better place.

(Source: Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA:

City of Richardson
411 W. Arapaho
(972)744-4100
<http://www.cor.net/>

Animal Shelter • Boards and Commissions
Community Services • Eisemann Center
Library • Police Department
Senior Center • Wildflower Festival



Environmental Protection
<http://www.volunteerguide.org/opportunities/environment>



Helping Children
<http://www.volunteerguide.org/opportunities/children>

Methodist Health System
401 W. Campbell Rd
469-204-1000
<http://www.methodisthealthsystem.org/volunteer>



Network of Community Ministries
741 S. Sherman Street
(972) 234-8880
E-mail: volunteer@thenetwork.org
Attention: Volunteer Coordinator
http://www.thenetwork.org/Get%20Involved/Volunteer_Network.html

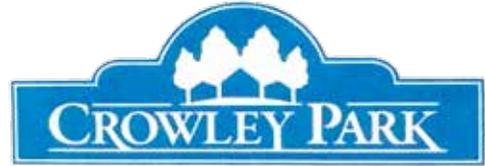


Poverty and Homelessness
<http://www.volunteerguide.org/opportunities/poverty>

WELCOME COMMITTEE PROGRAM

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR WELCOME BOOK?

*Welcome to
Crowley Park
Neighborhood*



CPNA's "Welcome Committee" was formed for the purpose of welcoming new residents into Crowley Park. The committee is headed up by Glenda Jenkins and volunteers Pat Martin, Jorge Galvan, Bonnie Cash, Dot Pitts and Phil & Jan Bobe. Welcome Books are filled with information about Crowley Park and the City of Richardson. These books were compiled by the committee and are being distributed to new residents monthly.

As of February 28, there have been 4 new residents in Crowley Park. If you have not received your welcome book and FREE blue recyclable bags, please contact Glenda Jenkins at dlgljenkins@aol.com.

To date the Welcome Committee has delivered books and blue bags to most of the new residents. Please join us in welcoming our latest new members to our wonderful neighborhood:

Tallie O Young on Orchid Dr

Kim Keller on Bluebonnet Dr

Daniel & Tanya Bedford on Bluebonnet Dr

John & Bonnie Curtin on Buttercup Dr

Chuck & Candy Rogers on Carnation Dr

Cal & Lisa Galliano on Mum Dr

John & Naomi Beaty on Greenpark Dr

Ron & Patti Jones on Bluebonnet Dr

Bob & Beth Tabor on Poinsettia Dr

Adil & Rashaomar Mustafa on Honeysuckle Dr

WELCOME TO CROWLEY PARK!

MEMBERSHIPS & PROMOTIONS

Nancy Hatate

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Dear Neighbors:

We are fortunate to be in our 4th year as a fully-functioning Crowley Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA). To clarify, CPNA is voluntary and NOT a homeowners association.

*"CPNA is a **voluntary** group that strives to develop the lines of communication with the city, promote a safe, clean and attractive community, and bring residents together to preserve and enhance the livability and value of our neighborhood."*

CPNA is open to home owners and tenants alike, **BUT, we need your support! We want to continue to be "your voice" and offer these great benefits and services.** Please be a part of the Crowley Park community by contributing your dues and volunteering your time and talents.

Membership dues are only \$20 per year, per household, and provide & facilitate the following valuable services:

- Crime Watch Patrol – by trained neighborhood volunteers
- Beautification & Civic Projects
(as approved by the City and budgetary constraints)
 - ~ Crowley Park "Trash Bash"
 - ~ Entry landscaping and maintenance
 - ~ Sign Toppers
 - ~ Flag Program through Rotary Club
(\$40 per household, per year to participate)
 - ~ Clean & paint perimeter wall @ Jupiter & Renner
 - ~ Various ongoing community projects
- Special Events
 - ~ Food Drive
 - ~ Ice Cream Social
 - ~ Spring Fling Mixer (March)
 - ~ Annual Meeting (September)
 - ~ National Night Out (October)
 - ~ Fall Festival (October)
 - ~ With your support . . . *many more!*
- Representation at City of Richardson meetings and coordination of matching projects.
- Interaction with Richardson Police and Fire Departments.
- CPNA Neighborhood News newsletter, distributed quarterly.
- Neighborhood Website (www.CrowleyPark.com)
- CPNA Social Networking Site limited to residents only: (<https://crowleypark.nextdoor.com>)

Please complete your Membership Form today. Thanks in advance for your support!

We have almost reached our goal of 250 members! As of the publication of this issue, we have 249 members!

We encourage you to join if you have not already done so. This voluntary membership has dues of \$20 per household that cover the period of October 2014 through September 2015.

Below are the various ways to connect with CPNA.

CPNA MEMBERSHIP

Crowley Park Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association for all designated Crowley Park area residents. Dues are \$20 per year which provide costs for various events throughout the year, newsletters, an annual meeting and more. This membership supports the neighborhood as noted on the Membership Benefits section (to the left) so we can continue to bring our community together and GROW!

NEXTDOOR

NextDoor is an online forum for the neighborhood. It is a way for you and your neighbors to talk online and build a safe and informed community. It is free to sign up for everyone in the neighborhood. It includes alerts for safety, recommendations, announcements, classifieds, a directory, and community chat. *Note: Please keep in mind that joining Nextdoor is NOT the same as the CPNA membership.*

CPNA ON FACEBOOK

Facebook is an online social network intended to connect friends, family, and business associates. You can sign up free with an email address. "Like" our page, which can be found as "CPNA-Richardson, TX."

CROWLEYPARK.COM

The CNPA website is another resource with information including news announcements, newsletter archive, Board of Directors, bylaws, photos, membership and more. Visit www.crowleypark.com for details!

If you have any questions about your membership, would like more information, or inquire about the website, please contact Nancy Hatate at nancyhat@att.net.



CPNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Dues for October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

Application Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Other Adults _____

House Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

For communicating meetings, planned events, and alerts

Payment (\$20) CASH CHECK # _____

Payable to CPNA and mail with completed form to: CPNA, P.O. Box 830114, Richardson, TX 75083

Volunteer Interests *(check all that interests you)*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Safety (Crime Watch Patrol) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic and Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Advertisers and Sponsors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Flyer Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Assist/Become a Board Director or Committee Chair

Position of Interest _____

For more information, visit www.crowleypark.com or contact Glenda Jenkins at (972) 680-0885

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

~ Crowley Park Neighborhood Association ~

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Committee Use Only:

Payment Received Date: _____

By Leslie Gullede

VALENTINE'S DAY TRASH BASH REPORT!

Leslie Gullede and the CPNA Board extend a big thank you to the 53 participants in the Valentine's Day Trash Bash event. This year's participation was a record-breaking number of neighbors, who collected 29 bags of trash and 22 bags of recycling materials, including various types of balls, a manhole cover, water guns and the usual variety of trash items.

Councilman Steve Mitchell provided a great send-off into the woods. David Erikainen, of E2Imagery, volunteered audio/visual and public address systems for the councilman's remarks and some still photographs. The video and selected stills shots are posted at <https://crowleypark.nextdoor.com/events/213330/>.

Thank you to the following groups/persons for their participation in organizing the event:

- a) City of Richardson Health Department for supplies;
- b) CPNA for promoting the event in the newsletter and supplying signage throughout the community;
- c) Rockie Marvel for providing refreshments to kick off the event;
- d) Judy Kidd, ConardKester, Lewis Burton, Penny Williams for managing the event headquarters;
- e) Glenda Jenkins, Dennis Jenkins, Steve Williams, Charles Gullede for managing the field;
- f) Sharol Clark and Dennis Pitts for gorgeous photography; *AND*
- g) 53 enthusiastic participants for collecting 51 bags of trash and recyclables!

Thank you to everyone for an enjoyable and successful Trash Bash for the Crowley Park community for another year!



MY MILITARY SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

By Lewis Burton

World War II began in earnest for the U.S. when I was 15 years old, living in Temple, Oklahoma, in a small town Cotton County farm community that borders Texas near Burkburnett. My father served in World War I and my older brother joined the Army Air Corp in 1942 to be a pilot, a B-24 flight engineer and top turret gunner. I graduated from high school at age 17. After registering in October 1944, I was drafted into the Navy in January 1945.

After Boot Training, I was assigned Fire Control School in San Diego. Fire controlmen operate the range-finder computers and send control information to the guns on warships. We became skilled in quickly recognizing Japanese and US airplanes and ships from flash pictures. Stark reality shocked us when we saw the newspaper pictures of a U.S. destroyer that had been struck by a Kamikazi bomber killing the fire controlmen.

Shortly before we finished school, the war ended. In a downsizing navy, ships had little use for trained short-time reservists. We sailed on aircraft carriers converted to carry troops from the U.S. to Guam. A "baby" flat top, the USS Card, took us to Pearl Harbor. The USS Bon Home Richard took us to Guam, and a Landing Ship Tank (LST) took us to Saipan. Ten of us were flown to Iwo Jima on a C-46, arriving in December 1945. We willingly accepted assignments unrelated to our special training. I went to the Personnel Office where typing, learned in high school, was needed and appreciated. Others were assigned to the mailroom, laundry, post office, etc. We lived in quonset huts, and I worked in a 2-story quonset that overlooked the invasion beach.

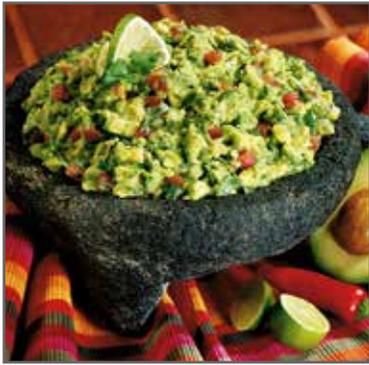
On this beach were the remains of ships and landing craft, some with bottoms-up. One ship's magazine exploded unexpectedly while we worked, triggered by heat from the sun and volcanic steam. All trees, green growth, and birds were missing. Working parties were still gathering explosives, piling them into landing craft and dumping them out in the ocean. One sailor died when a Japanese hand grenade toppled down a pile of explosives.

A cemetery visible from the top of Mt. Surabachi contained the marked graves of 5000 men of the 5th Marine Division. A white picket cross-shaped fence enclosed it with its base pointed toward Surabachi. In another cemetery the 3rd and 4th Division marines were buried. Two Japanese cemeteries were marked only with signs "Enemy Cemetery 1 and 2." On Memorial Day all hands, Army and Navy, assembled at the 5th Marine Division cemetery for memorial services. (After I was discharged, four Japanese soldiers surrendered on Iwo Jima.)

Three other sailors and I visited Japan in May 1946 flying the 1500 miles round trip on C-54 airplanes that regularly transported cargo and mail to and from Guam. We rode on crowded trains through cities destroyed by U.S. incendiary bombings. Most people acted humble, children were cautious, and some had the faces of angry defeated soldiers but never gave us cause for fear.

I was discharged as a petty officer, joined the Naval Reserve, attended college on the GI Bill of Rights and got a direct commission. Advancing in the Reserve as an officer, I retired after 30 years as a U.S. Naval Reserve Commander. In 1967, Iwo Jima was given back to Japan. In 2006, I took my adult son on a Stephen Ambrose Tour to "The Pacific Battle Fields and Iwo Jima."





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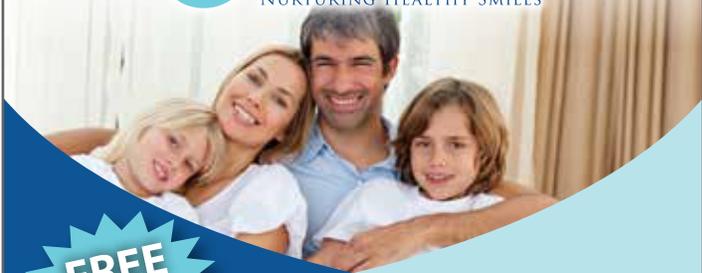
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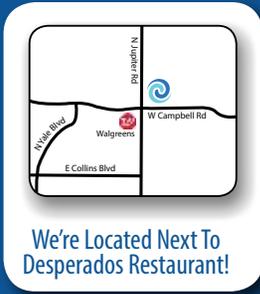
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Richardson has a treat for man's best friend as the City broke ground in December on its first dog park. Construction of a dog park has been a top priority for the City for several years. In fact, the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan identified a dog park as one of the top five most-needed park facilities in Richardson.

The space was made possible by Oncor and TxDOT who allowed the city to use their land for this facility. The six-acre site is under and along the President George Bush Turnpike west of US 75. Construction on the dog park has begun with a planned opening in May 2015, weather permitting.

It will include separate areas for large and small dogs. For puppy parents who wish to host a doggy birthday party, a rental area will be available. Not only that, but if your pooch isn't as perky anymore, is now settling into a slower pace or recovering from surgery, an area for sedentary dogs will also be available. The park will also have a central plaza with restrooms, shade structures and open space with different textures that include grass, decomposed granite, stone and logs.

The dog park will follow Richardson City Ordinance that requires a "dog must be confined behind a fence, on a leash, or in a building at all times." The fencing will allow dogs of all sizes to be off leash behind a fenced area. Anyone wanting more information about the dog park or the city's animal ordinance can contact the Animal Services Division of the Health Department, 1330 Columbia Drive, (972-744-4480).



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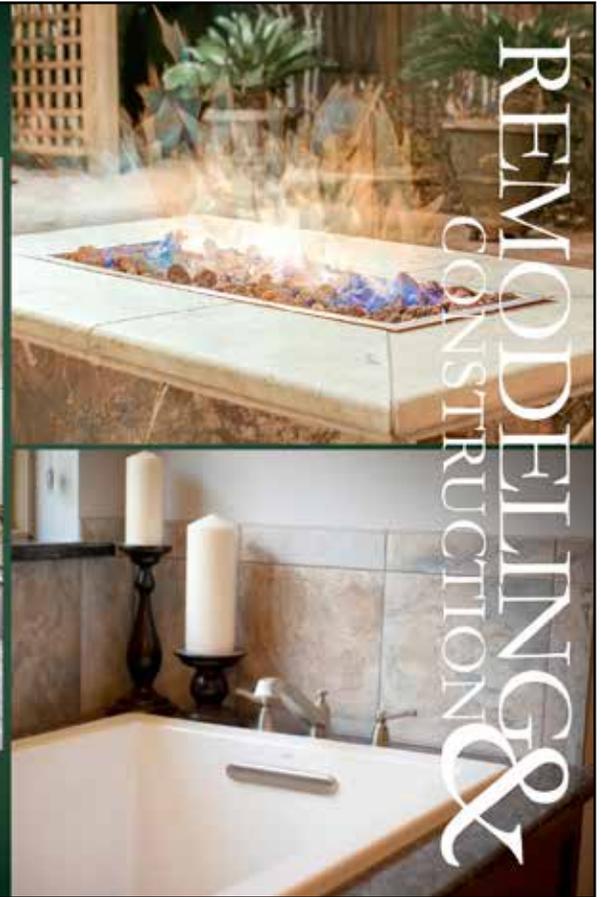
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