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CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From The President

Dear CPNA'ers,

Hope you were able to enjoy the wildflowers down in the park. I think the winter drought took a toll on the flowers. They did not seem to be as "full or numerous" as in previous years, but the wild flowers will be back next year. Please take care of your landscaping water sparingly and keep the water on the landscaping and off the street. The street does not need the water.

Mark July 4 on your calendar. This year we will have the 4th of July parade on 4th of July. It is a lot of fun and at the end we have plenty of popsicles to cool off and enjoy. IF ANYBODY HAS ACCESS TO SOME LIVE MUSIC, such as marching band instruments, please come and participate. In the past we have had a contingency from Plano East's Marching Panther Band. Drums, trumpets, etc. would add to the parade. Contact me if you know of anybody that wants to participate with marching band instruments. Ethan Thao gets lonely marching with his "dad-made" marching snare.

Also we have an ongoing need of something MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY...your TIME! We have a need for a new secretary and there are also numerous other opportunities for involvement in CPNA. If interested, please contact me or any other board member of Crowley Park Neighborhood Association.

Take Care

Terry Ziegler

President CPNA

PS How does a cow add and subtract numbers? The cow uses a cowculator....

Shade the Trails Commemorative Plaque

By Nancy Crowe

It all started in May of 2015 when I was walking with my 90-year-old mother at Crowley Park and noticed that there were no trees along the trail around the park. It was warm and I remember thinking, what is this going to be like in July and August and wouldn't it be more tolerable to be walking in shade? So, that was the beginning of Shade the Trail. I met with our neighborhood association, CPNA, and they were very supportive of me starting the program. I then worked with the city and acquired a Matching Beautification Grant which matched dollar for dollar what our neighborhood contributed. It gave residents in our neighborhood the opportunity to buy a large tree "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone they loved. I can't tell you how appreciative I am of all of our neighbors who collectively donated more than \$15,000 to the program and especially to those who donated more than 1 tree.



We planted Texas native trees that were approved by the city and I worked closely with our Richardson Parks department on the locations. We planted only in the spring and fall. The parks department bought the trees, planted the trees in the agreed upon location and kept the trees watered. Most of the trees along the trail have a bubbler system which keeps them watered and healthy, especially during our very hot summers. In total throughout the years to date we have planted over 100 additional trees around the park, mainly along the trail but also within the park and along the tree line. The large trees are Shumard Red Oaks, Burr Oaks, Chinquapin Oaks, and Cedar Elms. The smaller trees are Dogwoods, Mexican Plums, and mainly Redbuds. In years to come the trees along the trail will grow large and proud and provide wonderful shade for the trail around the park and the redbuds and other flowering trees along the tree line will dot our park with spectacular color in the spring.



All of us who live in this wonderful Crowley Park neighborhood should be able to enjoy our trail around the park - joggers, walkers, the elderly, the young and our furry friends as well. It is

so much more inviting to exercise and use the trails when they are shaded and thus more tolerable in our hot weather. Shade the Trail also leaves a legacy for those who come after us. It takes 30 years for a tree to grow to maturity and some of us may not be in this neighborhood by then. To honor our Crowley Park donors and our parks department, there is now a Shade the Trail plaque located at the corner of Honeysuckle and Blackberry, a corner that was transformed by the trees added at that location. It is meant to blend into the natural landscape and be a light touch, to thank all those who contributed and supported this program. There is also a list of donors to the program and who they honored with their donation on the Crowley Park website, www.crowleypark.com/civic-environmental.

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now”
– Chinese Proverb.

Thank you, Crowley Park neighbors for getting us started toward that 20-years!!
For more information or to donate a tree, please contact Nancy Crowe at 214-679-3091.



Jul 4th Parade and Ice Cream Social Starting at 9am
- South Pavilion

Aug 1st thru 31st Membership Drive
- watch the website for details

Sep 27 Annual Board (physical) Meeting details tba

October 1 and 2 - Cottonwood Art Festival

October Halloween Trunk or Treat



Welcome to our new neighbors!

Eric Mattlin on Aspen

Annie Brown on Honeysuckle

Report: Walk the Park

The city council Place 2 representative for Crowley Park, Jennifer Justice attended the 1st Annual Walk the Park in February. Jennifer discussed current events in the city and then, accompanied the participating walkers around the park twice – a total distance of 2.6 miles.



Report: International Pot Luck

We had our annual Crowley Park Pot Luck on May 14th at the park. Once again Fathima Khaleel Rahman organized a successful gathering of Crowley Park neighbors. Thank you so much for your time and effort in bringing our community together.

All were asked to bring a special dish to share with neighbors. There were delicious specialties from all over the world, such as, tabouli, sauerkraut, bratwurst, Cherokee potato salad, chicken kabobs and many more. The deserts filled an entire table at the park.

Laughter and conversation filled the area and everyone seemed to enjoy meeting new neighbors or reconnecting with others. Hope all will join the fun next year.





Crime Watch

Area police agencies have received recent reports of bank customers' vehicles being burglarized, again. This is a crime trend that comes and goes and seems to be on the rise. The suspects in these cases will stake out a bank and watch for customers leaving the bank. The customers are then followed to their next destination. If the customer is not seen carrying the bank bag/envelope from their vehicle, the suspects will then move in and break into the vehicle in search of the money.

Please be very alert to your surroundings when making a deposit or withdrawing cash from a bank. Check frequently to make sure you are not being followed. I have listed some ideas below to help detect on whether you are being followed:

- while traveling to or from a bank, safely make left-hand turns or U-turns and watch to see if another vehicle is following your movements. Keep in mind that some of these offenders operate using more than one vehicle.
- When pulling into a gas station, fast food establishment etc. wait to see if another car follows you in, or just pull into a parking lot and safely go right back out.
- Checking tires for damage since some offenders will damage your tires while you are in the bank causing you to have to pull over when the tire goes flat, thus providing them the opportunity to get to your money.
- never leaving money in your vehicle unattended.
- If in a robbery situation, comply with the robbers demands and do not resist.

If you feel you are being followed or see something suspicious contact police immediately by calling 911.

Housing Market Update

Presented Rocky Marvel

CROWLEY PARK Market Update	
2020 Homes Sold	40
2021 Homes Sold	41
YTD through May 2022	8
2020 Avg Sales Price	\$325,523
2021 Avg Sales Price	\$410,569
YTD through May 2022	\$499,375
2020 Avg Days on Mkt	44
2021 Avg Days on Mkt	10
YTD through May 2022	4
COMPLIMENTS OF ROCKIE MARVEL - KELLER WILLIAMS CENTRAL	

Special GARDENING Edition

Presented and Edited by Chuck Hollocker for CPNA

As a member of CPNA, you are entitled to view or download this special gardening issue. It will be available for you, until Jun15th, at [gardening-guide-2022](https://www.crowleypark.com/gardening-guide-2022). In the event that you would like a printed copy for \$5 to cover costs, or a printed and bound copy for \$10, please contact Chuck Hollocker at rsrch@tx.rr.com. Available to CPNA members only.



CPNA

GARDENING GUIDE

April 2022

ABSTRACT

Created for the active and would-be gardeners in our Crowley Park Neighborhood, this guide is intended as a year-long gardening companion. Please contact us at our website (CrowleyPark.com) with any comments or suggestions for improved content, as we intend to update this document.

Chuck Hollocker

Editor

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Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits

Are you an empty nester, retired, or simply interested in something worthwhile to do? Why not volunteer your time with your Crowley Park Neighborhood Association (a 501 c3 nonprofit organization). We currently have several leadership positions and committees available for consideration which are listed at the end of this article.

While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy life.

For instance, you could volunteer to serve on a special events committee such as International Potluck, 4th of July Parade, annual meeting, etc. on a short-term basis. Once the event takes place, you are finished. Of course, you could also serve again the next year when the event takes place. Your expertise and experience add tremendously to the work of the organization and its benefit to the community.

Consider these three (3) special Benefits of volunteering:

(1) Volunteering connects you to others.

One of the more well-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows you to connect with your Crowley Park neighbors and make it a better place. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people within the neighborhood. Additionally, volunteering is a two-way street; it can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, share gifts and talents, and boost your social skills.

(2) Volunteering is good for your mind and body.

Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety. The social contact aspect of helping and working with others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Nothing relieves stress better than a meaningful connection to another person.

(3) Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

Volunteering is a fun and easy way to explore your interests and passions. Working in areas you find meaningful and interesting can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work, school, or family commitments. It also provides you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.

If you have an interest in volunteering and serving or want more information about the open positions, we would really like to talk with you with no obligation or commitment. However, you may just find the right opportunity to serve!

List of current openings:

2 Membership Co Chairs
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