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CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From The President

Hey all Crowley Park Residents,

Spring is finally here and the bluebonnets are ablaze, making it hard to remember mid-February and the deep freeze. Hope you get a chance to get out to enjoy the flowers, birds, and pleasant weather of spring in Crowley Park.

Earlier in February, before the big freeze, we had about 20 hardy participants work the Trash Bash for Crowley Park. We picked up many bags of trash and an old tire out of the creek bottom. The weather was cooperative and allowed everyone to enjoy exploring the creek and picking up trash.

Our Crime Watch Patrol has been logging lots of hours looking out for the neighborhood. If you have any interest in being a part of this activity, please contact me at 972 238 7254 or the Crime Prevention Office at the Richardson Police Department. You can volunteer as little as 1 hour per month. So please consider helping keep the crime rate low in Crowley Park.

WE NEED HELP! Crowley Park Neighborhood Association needs help with various activities. Volunteering to help with CPNA has several benefits. One, you get to know what is going on in Crowley Park. Two, you get to meet lots of new friends that you never knew you had. Three, you will have an increase in self-esteem with involvement in the community. I am sure you can think of two or three other reasons. Please give a thought to volunteering to help Crowley Park Neighborhood Association. Contact me or any board member if you want to get involved. All offices are open – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc....

Take care and remember to brush your teeth and floss twice a day....

Terry Ziegler

CPNA President



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Board Meeting
Monday June 7,
at 6:30 pm**

Trash Bash Success

Volunteers met at the South Pavilion at 9:00am on Saturday February 6. They rallied to clean up the park and the creek. They truly made a difference. Thank you!

Our next Board meeting will be June 7, 2021, using Zoom. Also, Stay Tuned: Our CPNA July 4th parade is in the planning stages. Connect with crowleypark.com for more information in the coming weeks.

Visit the Park

Spring! Daffodils and Tulips sprouting up! We can hardly wait for all the wildflowers to bloom in Crowley Park. The Park itself is one of our neighborhood's greatest treasures. And I know that as a group we are trying so hard to keep it that way: planting more trees, adding benches, picking up the trash not just during the February Trash Bash, but every day!

Nancy Crowe on CPNA's Civic and Environmental Committee has worked closely with Richardson's Park department to add more trees and take care of this great asset.

It's great to see people enjoying the park. It's open to everyone. We can call 911 or the city's non-emergency phone number, 972-744-4100 if we have a question about activities in the park. We want the park USED, but not ABUSED.

Rules for Park Use

Excerpted from the Municipal Code of Ordinances
Sec. 15-61 - Unlawful acts.

General park rules. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly do any of the acts specified in this section in or upon any city park or park facility, except as may be otherwise provided.

The following rules and regulations have been excerpted from the list of park rules and regulations due to observations by neighbors as they walk the park. For a complete list of rules and regulations, go to <https://www.cor.net/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/park-rules-regulations>

To operate any bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, or other motorized or non-motorized vehicle or mode of transportation on any drive or street in any park at a speed greater than the posted speed.

To ride or drive any motorcycle, automobile, or other motorized vehicle upon any sidewalk, hiking or jogging trail or walk, except in designated areas.

To disturb in any manner any picnic, meeting, service, concert, exercise or exhibition, or to enter onto or into a closed area or facility, or a reserved facility or area, or a location where scheduled activities are occurring, during the period that the area or facility is reserved, closed or during the scheduled activity and remain or return after the person has been given notice to leave.

To hit golf balls of any type except in designated areas.

To damage, move, alter, cut, break, injure, deface, or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, cage, pen, monument, fence, bench, equipment, or other structure, apparatus or property, or to pluck, pull up, cut, take, or remove any shrub, bush, plant or flower, or to mark or write upon, paint, or deface in any manner, any building, monument, fence, bench, equipment or other structure.

To place, abandon, or leave garbage, cans, bottles, papers, or other refuse except in proper waste receptacles.

To disturb in any manner any picnic, meeting, service, concert, exercise or exhibition, or to enter onto or into a closed area or facility, or a reserved facility or area, or a location where scheduled activities are occurring, during the period that the area or facility is reserved, closed or during the scheduled activity and remain or return after the person has been given notice to leave.

To allow an animal to defecate in the park without immediate removal and disposal of such feces in proper waste receptacles.

Use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplified music, sound or voices.

Our beautiful park is such because of the Crowley Park neighborhood working with the Richardson parks department. The parks department has been very complimentary of our support in maintaining the park.

Crowley Park Pond Maintenance

By Nancy Crowe



In 2019, the Richardson Parks and Recreation department retained a contractor, PondMedics, to perform the normal maintenance on all Richardson park ponds, including the pond at Crowley Park. From March through October, PondMedics visits the ponds weekly. In the winter, from November to February, they visit the pond monthly to monitor conditions. Water is tested monthly year-round, and submerged vegetation levels are checked at each visit. The city specification requires that submerged vegetation not be allowed to reach the surface of the pond, and that algae not be allowed to grow more than 24 inches from the bank. PondMedics makes any chemical applications needed during their visits, and they dye the pond in June, July, and August to prevent light from promoting vegetative growth under the surface.

There are many environmental factors that can impact a pond's health and appearance, and sometimes things happen in between the contractor's visits. The Parks department has been very happy with the service they get from PondMedics, and throughout the park system Richardson's ponds have never been in better shape. If you have questions about the pond, you can email AskRichardsonParks@cor.gov.

The Crowley Park Easter Party

By Julia Hayhurst

The Heights Church sponsored and hosted an Easter Party at Crowley Park North Pavilion to connect and serve neighbors in our community with this fun event. Close to 300 people came by to enjoy the festivities including Easter egg hunts, bounce house, refreshments such as cotton candy, snow cones, snacks and drinks. There was also an area for families to take photos. Fun was had by all, and we hope to do more events like this in the future!

Sponsored by The Heights Church and hosted by neighbors Julie & Thane Hayhurst, along with church members and volunteers.

Here is the Youtube link to Heights Church event: <https://youtu.be/dhNU0SqDyhg>

Help Animals

By Chuck Hollocker with excerpts from the SPCA and Richardson Shelter websites.

<https://www.sPCA.org/> and <https://www.cor.net/departments/animal-services>

Perhaps the largest and best known animal advocate is the SPCA. We are also blessed with a great animal shelter in Richardson. Both of these organizations, like any other business, have been distressed during the days of Covid-19. This article is intended to tell you what they are doing to help animals and how you might join in.



- 1) DONATIONS. With your gift, you are providing critical support for animals throughout North Texas. Your support right now means that every animal in our facilities will continue receiving exceptional care with the goal of finding them a loving, forever home. It means that more pets will be able to stay safe in their homes with resources from our shelters. It means that animals who are facing situations of cruelty and neglect will be rescued and allowed to heal surrounded by love as they embark on a journey to health and happiness. **Give today and you will surely be saving a life.**

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<https://www.cor.net/departments/animal-services/donations>

In addition to monetary donations, the Richardson shelter also welcomes the donation of:

- Blankets - not insulated or stuffed
- Towels of Varying Sizes
- Stainless Steel Bowls - small and large
- Small Plastic Litter Boxes
- Bowls for cats - steel or ceramic
- Heat Lamps
- Newspaper
- Carriers and Animal Pens
- Treats of all kinds
- Goody bags for Adopters
- Toys
- Animal handling supplies - collars, leashes, gloves, etc.
- Gift Cards
- Dog Food - Purina Dog Chow, Purina Puppy Chow, Pedigree Adult Dog, or Pedigree Puppy ONLY
- Cat Food - Purina Preferred, Purina Kitten Chow
- Exotic animal supplies - food, heat lamps, bulbs, bowls, habitat accessories, etc.
- Animal Care Products - shampoo, brushes, clippers
- Nursing bottles, kitten and puppy formula
- Heating pads
- Lint/pet hair removal rollers
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Cat/Dog Beds
- Shelter decor
- Humane animal traps

They also have an Amazon.com wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/1Q39VHAJODPWC/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_iq3xAb9M1R245

2) ADOPTIONS. Give an animal a second chance at a happy life.

Visit the Richardson Animal Shelter and Animals Shelter website for a wide selection of adoptable animals. The shelter places new animals on the website for adoption daily but contact or visit the shelter to see every animal. If you're looking for a particular pet, do not hesitate contacting the shelter.

Schedule An Appointment to See Adoptable Animals

Here: <https://richardsonanimalshelter.setmore.com/>

Requirements for Adoption Cats and Dogs

- Adult Dogs (Older than 6 months) - \$25
- Adult Cats (Older than 6 months) - \$15
- Puppies (6 months or younger) - \$35
- Kittens (6 months or younger) - \$20

* All adoptions require a signed contract stating you will vaccinate for rabies and spay/neuter each animal adopted (if the animal has not had these already completed).

*Proof of rabies vaccination and spay/neuter must be provided to the Animal Shelter before the due date on contract. Do not rely on your veterinarian to send in the information for you. We suggest bringing in proof in person. If this is not possible, you may fax or mail it to us.

* The Richardson Animal Shelter currently has a Part-time Veterinarian for shelter pets only. We provide general vaccinations and basic care for the animals to the best of our ability. We cannot guarantee the health of each animal adopted. It is the responsibility of the adopter to have the animal thoroughly examined by a licensed veterinarian.

Adopter must be 18 years old with Valid Identification.

Looking for a Lost Pet or What pets might become adoptable soon? Check out our Lost and Found Page by clicking this link: <https://www.cor.net/departments/animal-services/lost-or-found-animals>

3) OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. These organizations are always looking for good foster homes.

SPCA of Texas is seeking Foster Heroes who are willing to open up their hearts and homes to an animal in need. Special help is needed for:

✓ Adoption Ambassador. *Open your heart and home to adoptable animals, and help them find forever homes!*

- Send us great photos and bios for their online profiles.
- Promote animals online, around town, and at SPCA of Texas adoption events.
- Communicate with potential adopters and help select the perfect match.
- Average foster time: 2-3 weeks

Benefits of Adoption Ambassador Program:

- Foster parent knows more about dog than shelter ever could.
- Adopters feel more comfortable about adoption.
- Better match leads to fewer returns!
- Opens up more space in the shelter to rescue more animals.
- Rewarding experience for everyone involved.

✓ Trust Building & Socialization Foster

✓ Healing & Comfort Foster



REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE

Speak up and help stop animal cruelty in your neighborhood. <https://www.sPCA.org/abuse>

OH SNAP, It was cold!

Snow roared into Crowley Park this past February and allowed many to partake in a rare activity- building very creative and self-expressive snowmen.

Enjoy a few of the Crowley Park creations.



Prepare For Summer

By Chuck Hollocker

1 Brighten Up Your House.

Now is the time to make seasonal updates to your home that'll help create the feeling that winter is a world away. Update your space with lighter brighter accessories, storing away anything that evokes heat like heavy rugs, draperies, heaters, and thick blankets. Get out your favorite vases for fresh-cut flowers and put those finishing touches on your garden. Winter will be out of sight and hopefully out of mind. Wash your windows inside and out. By the way, is your sprinkler system working?

2 Make Room For Ice Cream.

Empty and defrost your freezer completely, melting any ice buildup. Take an inventory of what's in your freezer, throwing away any older product. If something has been in there over a year, or less time for leftovers, ground meats, and chicken, then it's time to get rid of it.

3 Prepare Party Central.

Get ready for patio parties by cleaning off or replacing your patio furniture. Make sure that your blender is margarita-ready and find those recipes for cold canapé and summer dip recipes. You may want to create a moonlight mood with outdoor lights, and accent the space with flowering planters, candles, and pillows.

Give your barbecue a deep clean. Disconnect the gas, and follow the manufacturer's instructions to disassemble and clean your grill. After cleaning, heat the barbecue, letting it run on high for about 10 minutes. Before it cools completely wipe the grates with a thin layer of cooking oil. Your grill might not look new, but you and your guests will enjoy better tasting food.

4 Stock Up on Summertime Essentials

Add plenty of sunblock, insect repellent, and aloe to your medicine cabinet. In your linen closet make sure you have got access to picnic blankets and beach towels. Move those backyard sports items from the attic to the garage so you can enjoy croquet badminton, and other summertime sports.

5 HVAC Maintenance

You'll breathe easy having to deal with air-cooling malfunctions in the sweltering summer heat. Follow this advice.

Change your ceiling fan direction. In the summer your ceiling fan should be blowing the air down on you to keep you cool. That means that your ceiling fan should spin counterclockwise, as you look up at it.

If your home is equipped with high and low return you need to close the low vents and open the high vents. That ensures that the warm air near the ceiling is pulled into the AC system and the cooler air down below stays in the room.

Check to make sure that stormwater drains away from your home, making sure that your gutters are clean and that your downspouts are functioning properly.

In the attic check not only the insulation level, but also whether you had any rodent activity over the winter. Check for any related damage.

The chances are that you have been inside all winter, so make sure you inspect the exterior of your home for holes or gaps. You do not want to invite any type of critter into your house.

Your outside AC unit needs a lot of airflow function properly. Keep your AC unit clear of leaves and cut grass. Call your HVAC company for a summer checkup.

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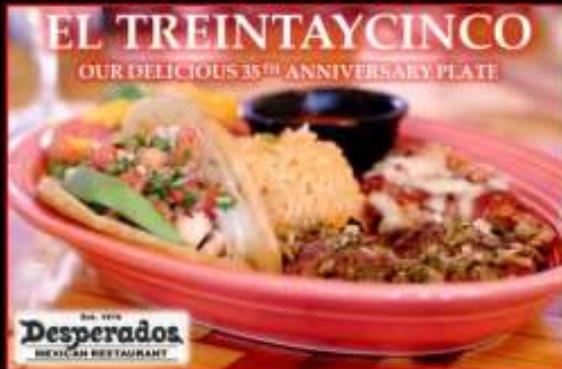
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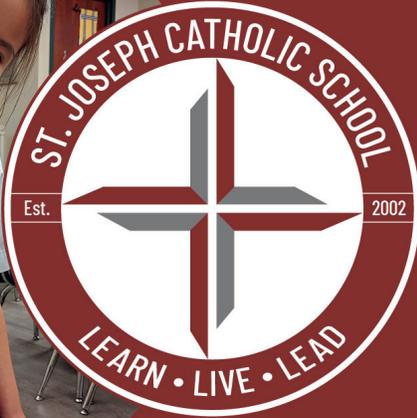
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