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CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From The President

Hey all CPNA'ers,

Been a tough 6 months with the coronavirus affecting all of our lives. As you all know, CPNA has had to cancel all social activities since March - Spring Mixer, International Food Festival, 4th of July parade, and the Fall Festival. On February 6, 2021 we are going to put on the Trash Bash. I think we can maintain social distance, and wear masks and still be able to pick up trash out of the creek bottom in Crowley Park. Circle the date on your calendar. It is a good project to participate in and you will get in some good exercise and meet some new friends. Also, you will feel good knowing that you helped clean up the park.

Finally, on September 22, 2020, our annual meeting was held via Zoom, hopefully we can have an "in person" meeting in September 2021.

There are many opportunities to get involved in CPNA. Everyone is invited to attend CPNA Board meetings. Date, time and place are posted on the website www.crowleypark.com. It is a great way to get involved in the community and to be informed. You will meet new friends that you never knew you had. You can even take over as President or any other officer. We need your input and participation. Our secretary Dot Pitts has been secretary for 11 years.... Surely there is someone else who could spend a little time and step up to take over as the Secretary.

We have a Crime Watch Patrol in Crowley Park and those members have "racked up" numerous volunteer hours being the "eyes and ears" of Richardson Police Department. For August 2020 the Crime Watch Patrol put in 98 hours of volunteer time keeping an "eye" on the neighborhood. If you are interested go to <https://www.richardsonpolice.net/i-want-to/sign-up-for/crime-watch-patrol>

Remove all valuables from your vehicles and lock the doors.

Sincerely,
Terry Ziegler
President
Crowley Park Neighborhood Association

P.S. Why did the cowboy choose his horse in the daytime? He didn't want any nightmares!!!

Annual Meeting Held

The CPNA Annual Meeting was held on September 22, 2020. Due to the pandemic and social distancing, CPNA held a virtual meeting with about 25 people logging in.

The Bylaws were amended by a committee and presented to the members during the Zoom meeting. These amendments were approved by the quorum of members in attendance. Please go to www.crowleypark.com to view these Bylaws.

Rockie Marvel led a search for potential new officers, but no one stepped up to fill any of the offices, even with a push for more active participation in the CPNA organization. The offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted in by the quorum of members attending the Zoom meeting. Therefore, in order of office, Terry Ziegler, Horace Satisfield, Monica Enfield and Dot Pitts will continue in their current office for the year 2020-2021.

If you missed the meeting, there was a presentation by Alisha Gimbel, head of Richardson's Emergency Management. Please check out the Crowley Park website to learn about steps to being prepared.

Stacy Davis, Historical Librarian, presented a short history of Richardson with a focus on the development of the Crowley Park neighborhood. She shared some interesting maps and pictures of early Richardson. Please check out the Crowley Park website to see some of the early maps of our area and learn the history of our city.



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For all those recent projects that might include hazardous wastes, do not send these to the landfill. All hazardous wastes should go to Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Road, Dallas, TX 75243. # 214-553-1765. Be sure to check on hours of operation before making the trip.

The following WILL NOT be accepted there.

- No containers larger than 5 gallons
- No Business or Commercial waste
- No Appliances. No Microwaves. No TVs
- No Smoke Detectors

Basic guidelines and safety tips.

1. Must be in original containers with readable labels to protect you and the sorters
2. Store and transport chemicals upright, no leaking containers
3. Never mix products together
4. Keep chemicals in a cool, dry place out of reach of children and pets.

Consider using alternative household products that do not contain hazardous materials.

Make Mulch, not Trash

Crowley Park has so many leaves this time of year

Compost your yard waste and save landfill space.

1. Mulching and composting provide nutrients for a healthy lawn.
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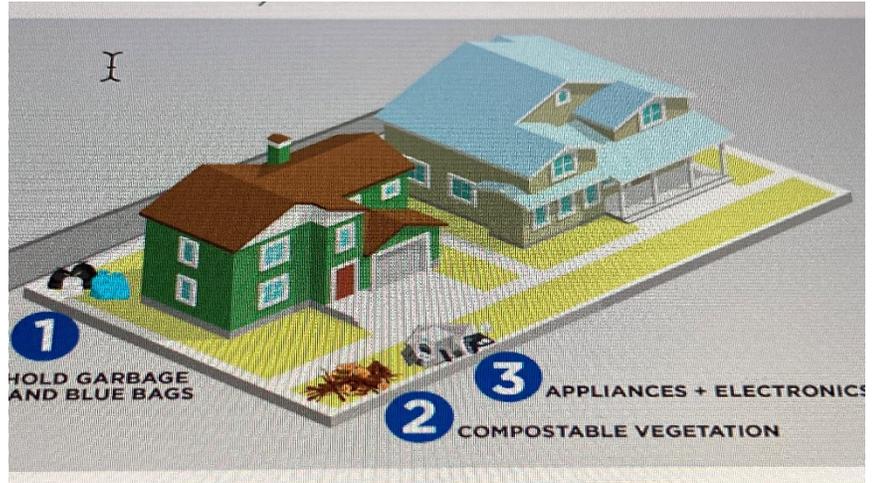
Trimming are to be in paper compostable bags, ALL other bagged items will go to the dump.

A win for your healthy yard, our beautiful neighborhood, and the city landfill!

Richardson Trash Collection

Did you know that Richardson is one of only a few cities that offers twice weekly trash pickup as well as weekly recycling pickup and brush and bulky item collection?

To help collections run more smoothly and ensure your house doesn't get missed, there are a few things you can do to help collection crews.



1. **All trash out by 7 a.m.**- because schedules change, causing crews to collect at different times of the day.
2. Place TIED bags between 6-7 am, avoid overnight, preventing animals from getting into bags.
3. Items OVER 50 lbs.
 - Call before midnight on your scheduled pick-up day
 - Items out by 7am
 - Separate compostable and non-compostable items.
4. Use trash bags, NOT bins. Blue bags are for recyclable items. Anything in other bags, tubs, or bins will be picked up as trash.

For more information, visit www.cor.net/trash, www.cor.net/recycling, and www.cor.net/babic.



National Night Out October 6, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, the Richardson Police Department is asking neighborhood residents to hold their own personal picnics outside their own homes, decorate their yards in a patriotic theme, turn on porch lights and wave to RPD officers as the drive by.

The Richardson Police Department held their canned food drive for Network of Community Ministries on September 19th. If you did not have an opportunity to contribute directly to the organization, you can take unexpired canned foods to their location at 741 S. Sherman St., Richardson, TX 75081, 972-234-8880.



NETWORK VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Network of Community Ministries is in urgent need of volunteers! Volunteers are needed for their Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry, Clothing Closet and Home Food Deliveries. Masks, gloves and social distancing measures are in place. Interested volunteers can sign up at <https://thenetwork.org/get-involved/>

Shading our Neighborhood by Replanting Trees.

By Nancy Crowe

Our houses in Crowley Park, built in the early to mid 1980's, were all built with 2 trees on every front yard. The majestic trees that are still in our neighborhood are therefore 30-40 years old!! Every time someone takes down a tree in their front yard, my heart sinks! Fewer trees in our neighborhood changes the whole look, personality, and value of our neighborhood. I understand trees getting old, being struck with lightning or just plain dying but we all need to be responsible stewards and re-tree our neighborhood. I get excited when I see that someone has planted a new tree in their front yard. Frankly, it gives me hope when I walk on the sidewalk on a 90-100 degree day looking for shade.



I would like to invite our neighbors in Crowley Park to consider planting 1 or 2 trees in your front yard. You may not be there in 30 years to see it grow up but someone will. You experience the beauty of our neighborhood, so should future generations. At the end of this article is a brochure put out by the City of Richardson to assist with how to select a tree, plant a tree, and care for a tree. The spring and fall are the best times to plant a tree in north Texas.

I love our neighbors for what we were able to accomplish with Shade the Trail! It is wonderful to watch the trees growing along the trail around the park and be able to experience the shade as we all walk, run, and walk our dogs, especially in this time of COVID-19! Lets see if we can also re-tree our front yards to keep Crowley Park a beautiful shaded neighborhood in the midst of a cement jungle!!

Thank you for reading and feel free to contact me if I can help.
Nancy Crowe. 214-679-3091

The COR Tree pamphlet follows for your convenience. It is also at our Website on the civic and environmental committee page.

CARING FOR YOUR TREE

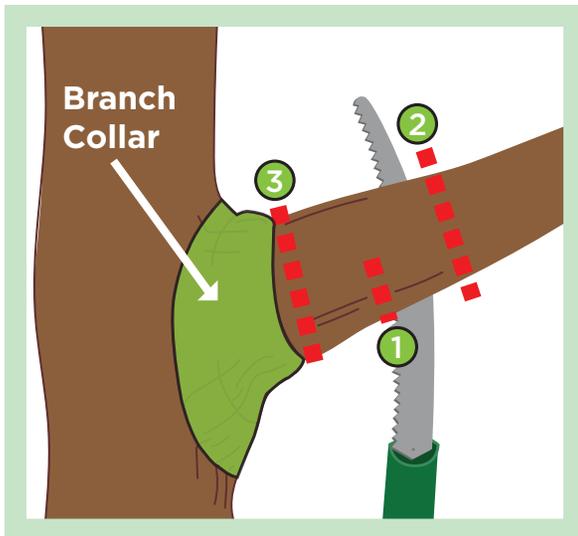
Start pruning your tree after it has been in the ground for a year. Always make cuts on the outside of the branch collar and use the three-cut method to prune back to another branch or node.

Water your tree deeply and infrequently to promote deep root growth.

In an urban landscape, an ideal tree is 65% crown and 35% trunk.

Newly planted trees may require staking for support. Periodically check that the wire/rope is not damaging the tree trunk and remove once no longer needed.

Don't prune oak trees between April 1 and Oct. 1 to help prevent the spread of oak wilt.



RICHARDSON REPLANTS

Richardson Replants offers an opportunity for community members to replace trees lost in parks, greenbelts or medians due to storms. The Parks and Recreation Department will work with groups or individuals seeking to help support the replanting effort. The program also encourages and serves as an educational resource for residents seeking to replace storm-damaged trees on private property. Contact the City of Richardson at the number listed below on how you can support the replanting of trees on public property or for more information on replanting on private property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following links provide additional information on the planting and care of trees:

Tree Planting and Maintenance Resources from the Texas Trees Foundation
www.texastrees.org/resource/tree-planting-and-maintenance-resources/

Texas Smartscape Tree Care Guide
www.txsmartscape.com/care/trees.php

Texas A&M Forest Service "After the Storm" Tree Planting Guide
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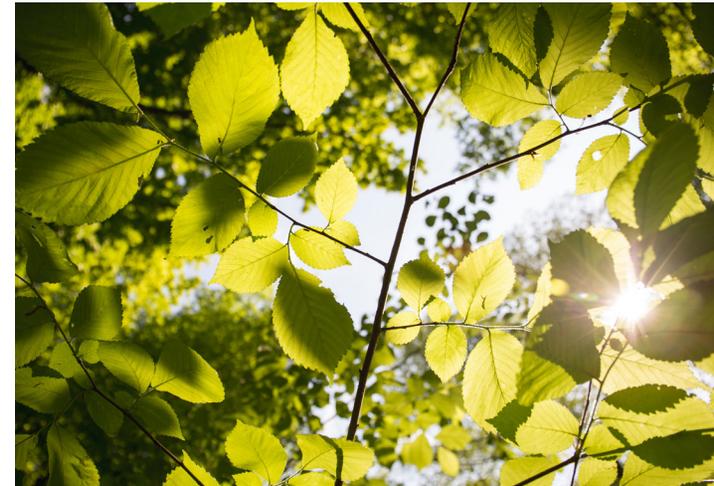


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Tree Planting



In 2017, Richardson was designated as a Platinum Scenic City, in part because of the quality of our trees. The Parks and Recreation Department has created this brochure to share some tips on selecting, planting and caring for trees, along with providing a short list of some of the trees that are best suited for our local climate.

SELECTING A TREE

- Look for a tree with a strong trunk and well-shaped form.
- Leaves should have a good color and not appear blotchy.
- The trunk flare should be visible above the level of the soil in the container.

Not all trees are suited for all areas, so try to select “the right tree in the right place.” Know how large your tree will be at maturity and locate it to minimize future conflicts with other trees, sidewalks, foundations, fences, etc. A large shade tree may someday require that the turf underneath it be changed out to a more shade-tolerant variety to prevent bare areas underneath. Keep these tips in mind to plant with purpose for the future.

The following list of native and well-adapted trees are good choices for the North Texas climate.

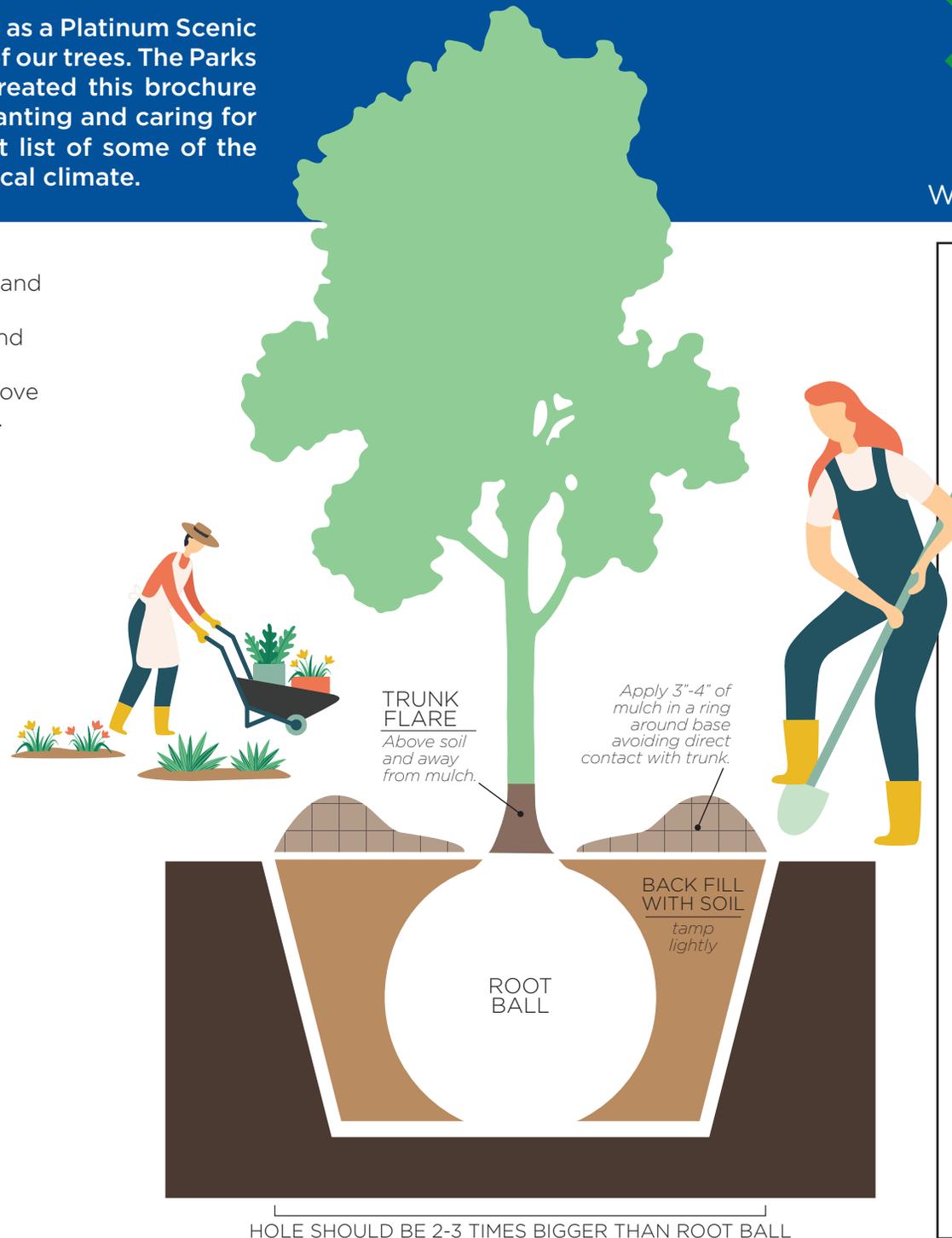
For a full list of trees, visit www.cor.net/plantguide.

Smaller Trees:

Desert Willow, Mexican Buckeye, Oklahoma Redbud, Texas Mountain Laurel, Vitex

Larger Trees:

Bald Cypress, Burr Oak, Cedar Elm, Chinese Pistache, Chinkapin Oak,



**PLANTING
 YOUR TREE**

- Fall and spring are great times to plant trees.
- Place the root ball on firm soil and make sure that the top of the root ball is level with the surrounding grade.
- If necessary, stake the tree to protect it from the prevailing winds. The guy lines should not be too tight and the portion that contacts the tree trunk should be covered with a hose.
- If you're replacing a tree, plant the new tree at least 6 feet away from the old tree's location.
- Water your new tree deeply immediately after planting.

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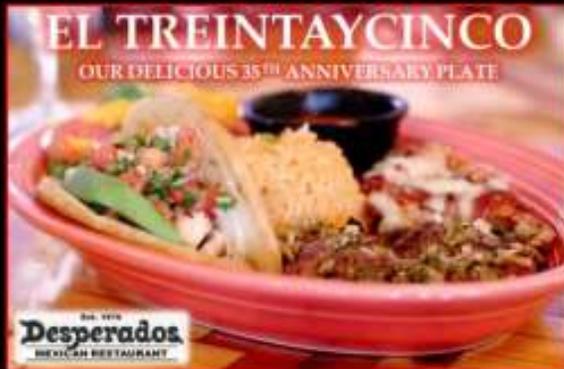
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