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WHAT DOES \$25 BUY?

The cost of annual membership in the Duck Creek HOA is only \$25 per home. Occasionally, I have fielded similar questions from residents: “What do I get for optionally joining the HOA for \$25 per year?” Good news! The answer to this question is “plenty.” For starters, all paid members and their families receive free dinner at biannual general meetings in April and October. What value! Where else could you buy dinner for an entire family not once, but twice? Dinner is just the beginning. Many family-oriented activities are provided each year using your paid \$25 membership fee. Foremost in this list are the Independence Day Parade and the Easter Egg Hunt. These yearly events are wholesome and entertaining activities that are enjoyed by children, parents, and friends from across the neighborhood. Joyous children enjoy decorating their bicycles and wagons for the parade. The same children scamper wildly across the Dartmouth school field collecting candy-filled eggs each April. “What else can I get for \$25?” you ask. How about a brilliantly decorated neighborhood during the holiday season? Each December, the HOA presents the annual holiday lighting and decorations on the corner of Apollo and Yale. Come enjoy the hot cocoa and cookies as the lights are first illuminated and proudly gloat to your out-of-town family how spirited your neighborhood is during the holidays. “I’m still not convinced, what else do I get for \$25?” By this point in the article it is clear you are a seasoned bargain hunter. To drive home my point, let me underscore the routine tasks that the HOA oversees to ensure the safety of our families as well as the security of your property investment. Volunteer members of the Civic Committee attend every City Council meeting and report on issues that directly affect the Duck Creek neighborhood. This allows the HOA to promptly inform residents when something of interest is being considered at City Hall. Additionally, the Revitalization Committee is working with the City of Richardson to secure project budgeting for neighborhood improvements, including upgrades to screening walls and entrances. Furthermore, the Safety Committee organizes crime watch meetings as well as regularly emails to residents the crime and safety reports from the Richardson Police (email safety@rdchoa.org if you would like to receive these emails). At this point, it is my wish that you are convinced of the effectiveness of your \$25 membership dues. For limitations on the length of this article, I cannot possibly list all of the services that \$25 gets you. Thank you if you have already joined for 2006 (if you’re not sure, email info@rdchoa.org). If you have not yet become a member to receive these benefits, please fill-out and return the form printed in this Quacker, or visit www.rdchoa.org to print a form.

Scott Morrison (Membership)

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The 3rd. Annual Duck Creek “Independence Day” Parade will be held Saturday, July 1st at 10:30am and will begin at Dartmouth Elementary. This year will be bigger and better so you won’t want to miss being a part of this spectacular event. Following the parade we will all meet at the Huffines Pavilion for Hot Dogs, Apple Pie, Ice Cream and soft drinks. Please email Bill Denton at billdenton2003@sbcglobal.net and let him know how many will be in the parade and how many to count on for lunch. This will be a lot of fun with lots of surprises.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Duck Creek HOA will hold its Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 15, 2006 in the playground of Dartmouth Elementary beginning at 10:30am. So, all you little Quackers bring your Easter basket and you will be able to gather up some of the 1,800 hidden eggs!

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WWI FOKKER DR. 1

Question: How did WWI aircraft shoot their machine guns through the propeller without shooting the propeller?

Answer: World War I saw major developments in weapons technology. Aerial warfare was facilitated by the development of the machine gun firing through the propeller arc. What keeps the pilot from shooting off his own prop? It is the synchronization (or interrupter) gear credited to Dutch aviation developer, Anthony Fokker.

In early 1915, Roland Garros, a French pilot had metal plates affixed to his prop so he could fire through the arc. When bullets hit the plate they were deflected. This worked surprisingly well but engine life was damaged by deformation of crankshafts caused by the force of the bullets hitting the prop. When Garros was shot down and his plane captured in 1915 the race was on to develop the synchronizer.

Work on a synchronizer (or interrupter) had been started prior to 1913 by Schneider working for the German LVG firm. His patent was probably the basis of Fokker's "one week" development of the synchronizer but Schneider not had pursued the idea of the interrupter for use in airplanes because in 1913 the airframe development would not accommodate a heavy machine gun. The French had also worked on a similar system but, surprisingly, had not pursued it.

Fokker decided the way around the problem of synchronization is to let the prop fire the gun. The propeller turns at 1200 rpm and the gun fires 600 times a minute. The solution was to install a cam on the shaft and let it fire the gun every other turn. The cam attached to the propeller shaft pressed on a long rod running to the trigger of the gun. The cam was set such that the propeller was horizontal when it pushed on the rod, and the rod in turn pressed the trigger to fire a bullet. The trigger operated by the pilot pulled the rod into position over

At the Cavanaugh Flight Museum we like to answer questions that arise about the aircraft we have on display. In our collection of over 30 + aircraft, we have three WWI era aircraft including a Fokker Dr.1 (pictured) a Fokker DVII and a Sopwith Camel. These three aircraft originally had machine guns which were mounted behind, and fired through the propeller arc. Thus the question:





the cam. A machine gun fitted with synchronization gear had the trigger normally disabled and the synchronizer would enable it when the prop was clear. The interrupter system was practically the same but with one subtle difference. A machine gun fitted with interrupter gear had the trigger normally enabled and the interrupter would disable the trigger when a prop blade was in the way. A machine gun fitted with synchronization gear had the trigger normally disabled and the synchronizer would enable the trigger when the prop was clear. Both systems used the rotating mass of the aircraft's rotary engine to fire the guns.

The development led to the "Fokker Scourge" beginning in August 1915 that nearly wiped out the Allies air operations. The British captured a German Eindecker and copied the mechanism for use on the Sopwith 1 1/2 Strutter in April 1916.

The down side of the development was that the synchronization or interrupter gear greatly reduced the machine gun's rate of fire. This led to the addition of a second machine gun on many German planes and attempts were made to add a third but the weight of the guns and ammunition became a factor. The British did not field a plane with multiple machine guns until the Sopwith Camel and the French SPAD S.XIII of 1917.

During World War II, most fighter aircraft had the guns mounted in the wings and fired outside the prop arc but the Fokker system was used on all prop driven craft where the machine guns fired through the prop arc. The basic synchronization system was used until the advent of jet technology eliminated the need for a prop.

The museum is open 9-5 Monday through Saturday and 11-5 on Sunday. Admission to the museum is \$8.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children 6-12, 5 and under are free. For more information, call the museum at (972) 380-8800 or visit us online at www.CavanaughFlightMuseum.com

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WHAT EVERY DUCK CREEK RESIDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

Neighborhood Integrity Program

The Neighborhood Integrity Program was created to help maintain property values and neighborhood desirability and to encourage revitalization. This takes a concerted effort from all of Duck Creek's owners and residents. By working together, we can help keep Duck Creek an attractive, healthy, and safe place to live. Over the years, minimum property maintenance standards have been established to help realize this goal.

High Grass and Weeds

Residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds at their property. Grass and weeds are in violation when they reach a height of 12 inches. Owners or residents are also responsible for maintaining the alley easement adjacent to their property.

Vegetation

Trees, bushes, shrubs, vines, etc. must be kept trimmed 7 feet above sidewalks, 14 feet above streets and alleys and 1 foot back from the alley pavement. Vegetation should be maintained so that it does not obstruct the view of persons using public streets and alleys.

Fences

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the condition of the fences around their property. Fences which are leaning severely or which are missing slats or sections are in violation of the City's Code. New fences or significant replacement of existing fences require a building permit. Call the Building Inspection Department at 972-744-4180 for more information.

Address Numbers

To enable the Police and Fire Departments to respond quickly to emergency calls, address numbers must be posted so that they are plainly visible from the street and alley. Numbers must be posted on the curb or curbside mailbox. Street numbers are also required on the front of the residence on the house, garage, fence, or other structure between 3 and 10 feet from the ground. Numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches high.

Outside Storage

Storage is prohibited in the front yard, carport, and front porch. All items stored outside must be screened from adjacent properties, streets and alleys by a 6-foot, solid wooden fence. Outside storage is limited to 1 percent of a residential lot. This ordinance does not pertain to operable vehicles with a valid state license and registration.

Trash & Debris

Residents are responsible for ensuring that their property is free of any litter or debris. In an effort to control litter, residential

trash must be contained in approved plastic bags and placed out only on your collection days. If you wish to dispose of (rather than recycle) small bundles of branches, they should be cut to 3-foot lengths and placed out on your regular collection day. Call 972-744-4111 to collect brush and bulky items placed at the curb on your special collection day. Branches of any length can be collected from your curb and converted to mulch, which is available to all Duck Creek residents for free. Duck Creek has convenient recycling known as the Blue Bag Recycling program.

Minimum Property Standards

All buildings are required to be maintained by keeping all exterior materials (brick, wood, siding, roofs, glass, windows, doors) free of holes and breaks. All wood surfaces are to be painted, protected from the elements, and in good condition.

Vehicles

Junked or inoperative vehicles may not be stored in public view. Trucks with a rated capacity of more than 1.5 tons and construction trailers greater than 8 feet in length may not be stored in a residential district.

Home Occupation/Garage Sales

If you want to operate a business from your home, please contact us to ensure that your business does not violate the home occupation ordinance. Each resident may conduct no more than three garage sales per year, lasting no longer than three consecutive days.

We Need Your Help!

With the help and cooperation of Duck Creek residents, we can maintain attractive, healthy, and safe neighborhood and ensure that Richardson remains a city in which we are proud to live.

Volunteer Program


Neighborhood Integrity has a volunteer program to assist homeowners who are unable to maintain their property due to physical limitations or other difficulties. If you or someone you know needs assistance, or if you would like to volunteer your time and resources, please call us at 972-744-4166.

Yard Parking

Vehicles may not be parked on the grass between the front building line and the street, or between the side building line and the street on corner lots. In addition, vehicles may not be parked on the grass on vacant or unimproved lots.

Questions

If you have any questions or comments, please call Neighborhood Integrity at 972-744-4166. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

On May 13, 2006 you are going to be asked to go to the polls and vote on a \$55,000,000 bond package. It will consist of four propositions:

Proposition 1	Streets and Drainage	\$32,210,000
Proposition 2	Parks	8,940,000
Proposition 3	Public Buildings.....	4,100,000
Proposition 4	Neighborhood Vitality	9,750,000
	Total	\$52,000,000

Under Proposition 2 (Parks) there is an additional \$3,000,000 in general obligation bonds that were authorized in the 1997 Bond Program but were never sold. This \$3,000,000 will be added to \$3,680,000 of Proposition 2 and the total of \$6,680,000 will be used, if Proposition 2 passes, to build an all new Huffhines Recreation Center. The total dollar amount in Proposition 2 is \$8,940,000. The remaining dollars in this proposition will be spent on other projects that are sorely needed.

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Under Proposition 4 (Neighborhood Vitality) there is \$9,750,000 in general obligation bonds slated to be sold. From that total amount \$3,000,000 will be used for HOA requested Screening walls and Features. If Proposition 4 passes Duck Creek is first on the list to have a portion of those dollars for our Neighborhood Vitality.

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We live in an area of the city that can be a showcase for the City of Richardson. By that I mean there have been a lot of changes in and for Duck Creek. In the last four years we have seen the southeast portion of Duck Creek changed into an area where residents can walk, children can play and fish and pets can play. This summer the northwest portion of Duck Creek will be completely renovated with dams and ponds as well. Some of you helped plant the first natural habitat in an urban environment and there will be more to come.

The City has requested a grant from Dallas County to aid in the construction of the Duck Creek Trail which will go from Duck Creek, across Yale (between Villanova and Syracuse) and St. Johns into Huffhines Park. This will only enhance the natural beauty of that area. The HOA is purchasing a bronze sculpture of children that will be placed at the corner of Apollo and Ponderosa. We will be the first community in the City of Richardson to have "Live Art". Yale Boulevard will be full depth concrete repaired from Arapaho to Beltline. Huffhines Ball Park is going to be raised and a new ballpark will emerge. If Proposition 2 passes we will see an all new Huffhines Recreation Center. April 20th will be the Spring General Meeting. A member of the Richardson City Staff will be our guest to explain the entire 2006 Bond Program. Also, the Revitalization Committee will bring you up to date on the Duck Creek Revitalization.

I am not by any means, nor is the RDCHOA Board trying to tell you how to vote. We just ask you to look at each proposition carefully and go to the polls and vote.

Bill Denton (President)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CRIME WATCH PATROLS

Crime Watch Patrols are an extension of the Neighborhood Crime Watch Programs.

When a particular geographical area becomes involved in Crime Watch, the Crime Prevention Unit can designate a Crime Watch Patrol Area. A coordinator is established and area residents are then sought for patrol members. The patrol members then attend a mandatory 6 hour Crime Watch Patrol School. Upon successful completion of the patrol school, area residents then volunteer their time and vehicles to patrol their neighborhoods and report all suspicious activities to the Police Department.

The City of Richardson supplies patrol members with Crime Watch Patrol Jackets and T-Shirts. Magnetic vehicle Crime Watch Patrol signs are also supplied to increase the visibility of the patrol.

In the Heights neighborhood, we initially saw an 83% decrease in residential burglaries. The Heights residents have been active since 1992. Patrols are also active in the Richland Park and Springridge neighborhoods.

For more information on Crime Watch Patrol Groups contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (972) 744-4955 or e-mail crime_prevention@cor.gov.

2006 TRASH BASH



To celebrate Keep America Beautiful month, the City of Richardson is once again joining forces with Keep Texas Beautiful to hold a Trash Bash, a City-wide clean-up effort to rid Richardson streets, parks, and waterways of litter.

All citizens, social organizations, and civic groups are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1st. In honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day, every participant will receive a small tree for doing his or her part.

Trash bags, release forms, and assignments of areas will be made available at a pre-event meeting for the contact person at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30 at the Richardson Civic Center. All participants will then disperse to their designated street, park, or area on Saturday to fill their bags with litter and recyclables.

At the close of the event, participants meet at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Road. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded.

Since the Texas Department of Transportation launched the "Don't Mess With Texas" anti-litter campaign in 1985, our state has seen an over 75 percent decrease in roadside litter. This is the 15th year Richardson has participated in the Texas Trash Bash, which will include approximately 80,000 volunteers across the state and is considered the largest one-day clean-up in the nation.

For more information, or to register by phone, please call the Health Department at 972-744-4076.



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The welcoming committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our neighbors who have moved into the Duck Creek Neighborhood over the last several months. We are excited to get to know you better! If you notice someone moving into a house on your street, please let us know. We would like to give them a personal welcome into the neighborhood, an informational packet, and a small plant. Please email Barb Davenport at bdavenport@bigfoot.com or Lindsey Maas at ltmaas@gmail.com with your new neighbor's address, and we will take it from there! Thank you for making our community a friendlier place to live.

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2006 DUCK CREEK HOA DATES

April 11	Board Meeting
April 15 (Sat.)	Easter Egg Hunt Dartmouth – 10:30am
April 20 (Thur.)	Spring General Meeting Dartmouth – 6:30pm
May 11	Board Meeting
June 8	Board Meeting
July 1 (Sat.)	3rd Annual Independence Day Parade Dartmouth – 10:30am
July	NO BOARD MEETING
August 10	Board Meeting
September 14	Board Meeting
October 12	Board Meeting
October 19 (Thur.)	Fall General Meeting Dartmouth – 6:30pm
November 9	Board Meeting
November 18 (Sat.)	Holiday Lighting Setup Apollo & Yale – 9:00am
December 2 (Sat.)	Holiday Lighting Ceremony Apollo and Yale – 7:00pm
December 14	Board Meeting

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Maundy Thursday (April 13): 7:15 pm
Good Friday (April 14): 7:30 pm
Easter Celebration (April 16):
9:30 & 11 am

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Soon the spring like days will be upon us, which means two things. We will need to fire up the lawn mowers, weed eaters, blowers, and the entire army of yard gear we use to make our little pieces of the world looking great. The second factor is the bad guys are already looking for these pieces of equipment to either use or pawn in preparation for the upcoming yard season.

Some of our residents have outside storage buildings or sheds. Some folks have locks, alarms, motion lights while others don't have anything secured. We recommend always placing a lock on your shed doors and on your back yard fence gates. Some storage sheds are kept by the garage and they are not inside the back yard. With most of our neighbors having privacy fencing the bad guy has all day to work on defeating the lock and hasp assembly on the shed doors. Most of these kits come with a small wood screw to fasten the hasp to the exterior wall shed or secondary door. Instead of using the listed short wood screw try installing a bolt through the hasp opening, and then use a nut and washer on the inside of the wall or door to better secure the hasp. When using the small wood screw a pry tool may be used to easily defeat the hasp by simply pulling the hasp out of the wood. You may also install a more expensive lock that conceals the shank of the lock thus making bolt cutters useless. You can pick up a lock like this for around \$15.00.

I know if someone really wants to get into your shed they will be able to if they have the time, tools, and determination. Most of your average crooks don't have any of those except a pry tool or bolt cutters so why not make it really difficult to gain entry into your shed? Having your serial numbers for your yard gear is also important. This spring while the bad guys are out looking to rake in your goodies, let's do a better job of securing of tools, locking those gates, closing those garage doors, and watching out for one another. No matter how you like your yard done, let's show everyone that our Crime Watch is a cut above the rest!

The warmer weather is here today and so are some of the door-to-door solicitors. We had a young male go to one of our Crime Watcher's house and the solicitor told the homeowner he was accepted to SMU and was collecting funds for books and a trip to Paris.

Our Crime Watcher contacted the police immediately and did not fall for the story. There are companies that will drop off their solicitors in our neighborhoods in an attempt to sell subscriptions for magazines, books, CD's, and many other products and or services. Many times the solicitor will come up with a story to make you feel sorry for them. Naturally the first thing I thought of was the simple fact the solicitor said he was going to go to SMU and Paris and needed to make some money. If the kid can afford to take a trip to Paris and attend a big time private college then he is not going to be out selling magazines. Secondly the kid should have a permit to solicit in our residential neighborhoods and if you have a No Solicitors sign posted at your door then they are prohibited to come to your door. I do not recommend doing business with anyone who just shows up at your door or calls you on the phone. The other day we had one of our senior citizens approached at home. The male was with a female and a small child and the man offered to trim some trees for the citizen for a fee. The woman who lives alone agreed and paid the man the money before he started working. The man took the money and left without doing any work. There are folks who are out there just looking for this type of opportunity. Let's work together to make sure our neighbors don't fall prey to this type of activity.

Channel 8 news also did a story about a group of suspects going around and attacking vehicles with baseball bats or other items smashing out windows, denting vehicle doors, and breaking mirrors. I have received several phone calls about this program and our Public Information Officer Sgt Perlich had coordinated this article in hopes of developing some suspect information.

This activity has been going on in our SE portion of the City. That's our area by the way!

We have also received some reports of some graffiti being spray painted on vacant houses and the wall by the mall. Please keep on eye out for any vacant properties in your neighborhood for suspicious activity. The City does have a FREE Graffiti Removal program so please call 972-744-4166 for further details.

Please remember to close your garage doors, remove the valuables from your cars including your garage door openers, secure those purses and keys, stay alert to your surroundings, and share a smile with a neighbor!

David Spigelmyer (Crime Prevention Officer – Richardson Police Dept.)

BERKNER, APOLLO, & DARTMOUTH

Information from the Berkner PTA (visit www.richardson.k12.tx.us/schools/bhs for more information)

April

- 4 – State Assessments
- 7 – Six Weeks Ends
- 14 – Snow Make-up Day
- 18 – 21 – State Assessments

May

- 22 – 26 – Exams week
- 25 – Six Weeks Ends
- 26 – Records Day

Information from the Apollo PTA (visit www.apollojhpta.org for more information)

By recycling all laser and ink jet cartridges, along with cell phones and pagers, Apollo Jr. High receives cash. Recycled cartridges can earn the school \$1 to \$10 each, and cell phones working or not, earn up to \$3 each. Please donate these items to our school. The recycling box is located in the Apollo Attendance office. For more information contact Renee Jones at renee.jones@risd.org.

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Information from the Dartmouth PTA (visit www.dartmouthpta.org for more information)

Become a Box Tops for Education Booster Club Member and earn 50¢ for Dartmouth Elementary! Membership is free and it takes about 2 minutes. To register, go to:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/reg/default.aspx?sid=39rd>

Just think, if every parent/teacher at Dartmouth made the effort to do this, we could earn at least \$200 for the school!

As of January 15th, Dartmouth PTA has received the following money from the “Box Tops for Education” program:

Total Earnings 2005-2006 - \$500.20

Total Earnings 2004 - 2005 - \$635.80

Lifetime Earnings - \$2,929.35

So....if you haven't already registered, make the effort. It's fast and easy, and it helps the school.

Even if you do not have a student at Dartmouth you can still participate by saving you Box Tops. For more information contact Cindy Villela at (972) 907-1506, or by email at

inbigd@hotmail.com

April

- 1 – Saturday School
- 4 – State Assessments
- 7 – Six Weeks Ends
- 13 – Report Cards Sent Home, Class Pictures, Aluminum Can Recycling Day (6th Grade), Upbeat Choir Final Performance
- 14 – Snow Make-up Day
- 18 – 21 – State Assessments

May

- 1 – Grand Finale Orchestra Concert
- 3 – Progress Notices Sent Home
- 8 – 13 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 – Sandy Lake Orchestra Funfest
- 11 – Family Honors, Aluminum Can Recycling Day (All Grades)
- 16 – 4th Grade field trip to Dallas Museum
- 18 – Water Safety
- 22 – 26 – Exams week
- 25 – Six Weeks Ends, Report Cards Sent Home, Cici's Pizza Night, 1st Grade End of Year Party
- 26 – Records Day, Kindergarten Graduation Party

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REVITALIZE DUCK CREEK

After almost 18 months of work, the DCHOA Revitalization Committee has finished and submitted to COR staff a detailed proposal outlining requested capital improvements for our area. The process included several meetings with COR staff, inspections of various neighborhoods throughout the city, and discussions with numerous Duck Creek residents for their suggestions. Using input from all of these sources, a formal proposal was prepared and presented to the entire neighborhood at the DCHOA annual meeting in April, 2005. The proposal included distinctive rock and masonry signs at the entrances of all of the major and minor entrances into the neighborhood, beautification on the bridges across Duck Creek, and complete resurfacing with stone/masonry accents for all of the existing concrete privacy walls surrounding our neighborhoods, along with construction where feasible, of several new sections of privacy wall to better enclose and define our neighborhood.

After several minor adjustments approved by the residents, the formal proposal was presented to the COR staff in October, 2005. In February, 2006 we again met with the COR Architectural and Engineering staffs and they presented a detailed cost estimate for each of our requested features that totaled ±\$2.1MM. They stated that the COR cost estimate was based upon current “post Katrina” construction costs (both labor & materials) that added ±20% to the estimated cost of the projects.

While we had initially hoped that all of our recommendations would be approved, in late February it was learned that the entire proposed city-wide Neighborhood Revitalization Project budget to be funded by the upcoming 2006 Bond Election would only be \$3.0MM. At this point, it became immediately obvious that no matter how well planned our proposal and deserving our neighborhood, it was impossible to expect that one neighborhood would be awarded ± 70% of the entire city-wide Neighborhood Revitalization Budget. Therefore, in recent meetings with the COR staff we have been advised to go back and prioritize our list of recommendations and resubmit our revised proposal to the city. Although, our committee felt that the beautification and extension of the privacy walls was a top priority, it appears that these features will have to be eliminated or postponed at this time because of COR budget limits. The committee is currently re-evaluating our initial proposal and hopes to have a revised proposal that includes all of our other proposals and possibly even some limited beautification of the privacy walls surrounding our major neighborhood entrances ready to submit to the city by the end of March. It has been relayed, that Duck Creek remains at the top of the list for revitalization approval and based on our plans for an expedited submittal to and approval by COR, might expect to see plan implementation as early as summer, 2007.

Larry Menke (Revitalization)



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UNIVERSITY VILLAGE GETTING MAKEOVER

An announcement regarding the future redevelopment of Richardson Square Mall by Simon Properties is anticipated in early Summer 2006.

Variances have been secured to permit the reconstruction of a portion of the University Village Shopping Center, northeast corner of Belt Line and Plano, to accommodate a renovation of the center and the addition of an LA Fitness center in the space in the corner of the L-shaped building. Two other buildings--the bank/dentist office and the tire store/retail building will receive a facelift as part of the project. The small kiosk building will be removed. In addition to the upgrading of the structures, the parking lot will be resurfaced and landscaping will be added. If this redevelopment project continues to move forward, LA Fitness will purchase the center. A final decision on this location by LA Fitness is still pending.

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If you would like to help with a section or committee please contact the section leader or committee chair.
We are always in need of good hard workers to help with all of the committees and section.
If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact any member of the HOA.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yard of the Month

April through August nominate a yard. To nominate a yard call Michael Wortman at 972-235-1036

Recycle

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Garden Club

If you would like to help organize "The Duck Creek Garden Club" or be a member call Michael Wortman at 972-235-1036

Play Group

Neighborhood play groups meet on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings. If you are interested in joining a play group, please call Cheryl Payton at 972-235-9221 or email rcpay2000@yahoo.com

Quacker News

If you have announcements that you think are "Quacker" worthy, please call Andrew Maas at 972-234-1453 or email at andrewjmaas@gmail.com

New Yard Signs

If you need a yard sign or need a replacement yard sign please call Scott Morrison at 972-690-5774 or email at scott@ti.com

Email Addresses

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Retiring Old Glory

It started with 13 stars and has grown to 50. It flies over this great country of ours in so many places to numerous to mention. But, there comes a time when it deserves the honor of being retired. We all know how to do it, but never seem to have the time. If your "Old Glory" is ready for retirement, contact Greg Duvall, Cubmaster-Pack 871 at 972-699-0024. The pack performs a retirement ceremony at their fall campouts. Isn't it great! When one is retired, another takes its place to proudly fly over this great country of ours.

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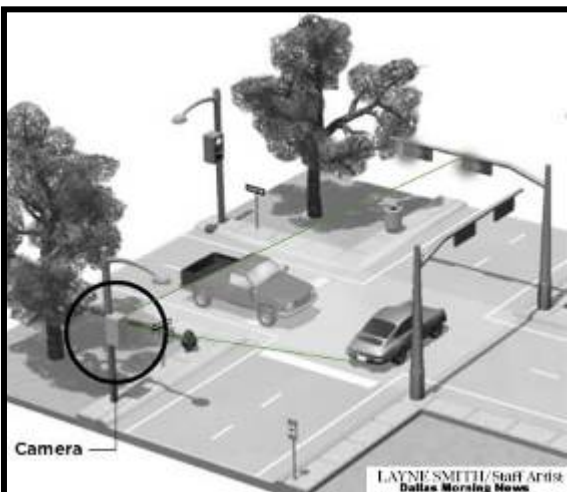
During 2005 approximately 9.2% of all reported vehicle collisions in the City of Richardson were related to red light violations. These types of crashes are usually side impacts and are much more likely to result in heavier damage, serious injury, and even death. Effective traffic management remains a high priority for our citizens, the business community and city officials.

The Richardson Police Department has always made red light enforcement a major priority in traffic enforcement. Richardson police officers have written almost 14,000 citations for running red lights over the past five years. Significant resources have been dedicated towards this problem, yet we still see senseless collisions and injuries being caused by red light runners.


As a part of Richardson's continuing traffic safety enforcement efforts, the City began to use Photo Red Light Enforcement on January 30, 2006. The use of cameras to capture red light violations comes as part of the City's increasing efforts to make the streets safer for everyone.

A total of four cameras will be located at three intersections. Currently two intersections are monitored by cameras-- southbound Plano Road at Arapaho Road and eastbound Centennial Boulevard at Greenville Avenue.

Within the following few months cameras will also be installed at the northbound and westbound approaches of the Coit Road and Campbell Road intersection. All the locations have been selected based on the following criteria; crashes, current and future construction plans, and the extent of red light running. Until Feb. 28, motorists captured on camera running a red light will be issued a warning. Beginning March 1, Notice of violations will be issued to violators. The violation will carry a \$75 civil penalty and will not appear on a person's driving record.



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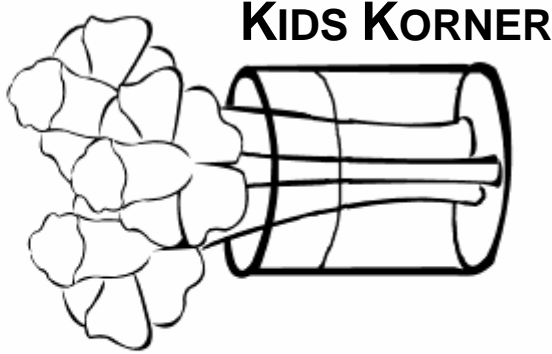
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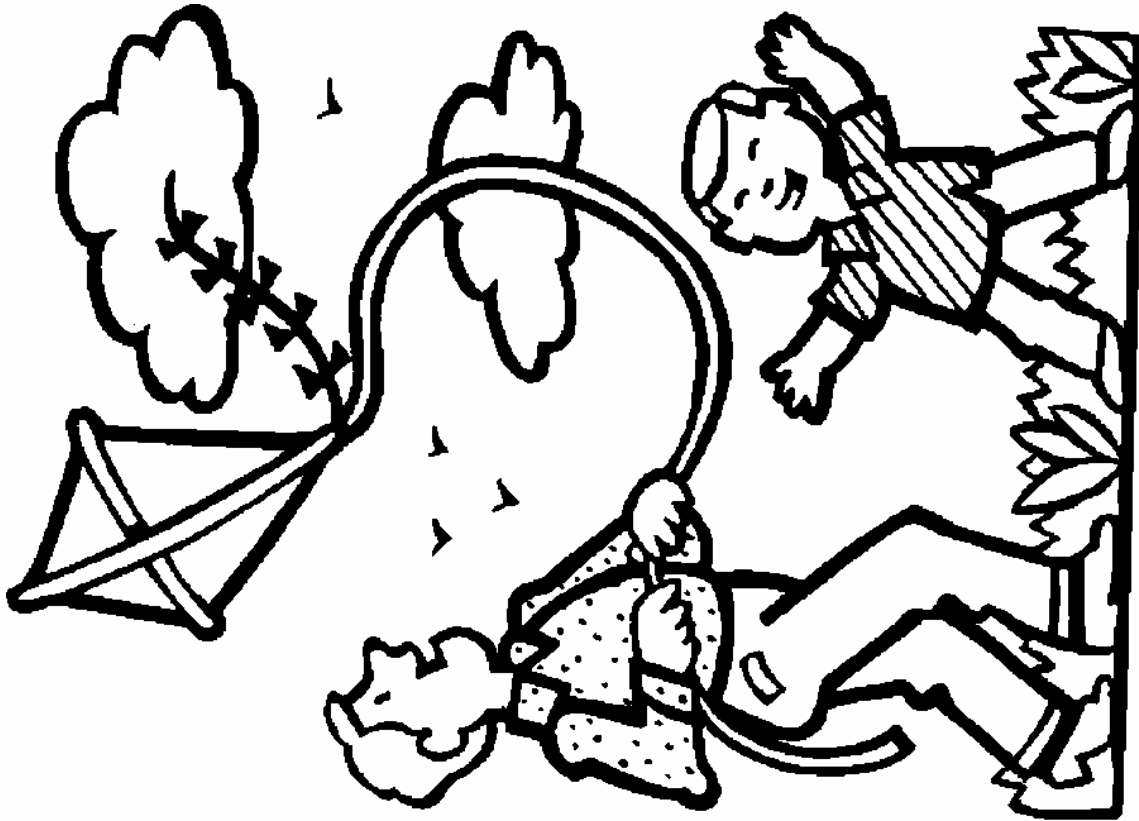
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Dartmouth – 10:30am

April 20 (Thur.)

Spring General Meeting

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Dartmouth – 6:30pm

July 1 (Sat.)

3rd Annual Independence Day Parade

Dartmouth – 10:30am

