

CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Hey Crowley Park Residents,

We are now at the start of summertime and Crowley Park is very green from all the rains that we have been having. If you did not attend the ceremony Memorial Day weekend honoring the veterans in Crowley Park, you missed a very moving and inspirational ceremony. The ceremony honored veterans of WWII and Korea. There was a total of 50 veterans from the different branches of the military, including WWII, Korea, and through the Afghanistan era. Boy Scout Troop #295 presented the flag and served as an honor guard. Our U.S. Representative Sam Johnson spoke a few words. Then each veteran was presented a document of "Thanks." The ceremony made one proud to say, "I'm an American!"

At this time, I want to recognize Glenda Jenkins for her tireless work on organizing the "Honoring Veterans Ceremony." She put many hours of her time tracking down the Vets, requesting Congressman Sam Johnson's appearance, getting the tent and chairs set up in Crowley Park, and many other numerous details. Glenda is a very large contributor of her time and energy to Crowley Park and Crowley Park Neighborhood Association. If you notice the new "real estate" style signs on the intersections in Crowley Park announcing CPNA functions, you can thank Glenda. The best time to catch Glenda to tell her "thanks" is while she does her volunteer jobs at Eisemann Center. Glenda makes sure the ticket scofflaws are escorted to the correct seat or out the door. So make sure you have a ticket when you go to the Eisemann.

If you feel "safer" in the neighborhood, thank Glenda and her quiet and shy husband Dennis. Dennis and Glenda put several hours of their time during the month cruising through the neighborhood as members of the Crime Watch Patrol. Makes me tired writing down all the things that Glenda does to improve and enhance Crowley Park. Next time you see Glenda express your THANKS and gratitude.

As a reminder, if you leave your house this summer for vacation, notify your neighbor, so they can watch your house while you are gone. In addition to notifying your neighbor, arrange to have your grass cut, mail and paper picked up, etc. You can also contact RPD and fill out some paperwork to let them know that you will be gone. RPD will come by and check on your house. Be proactive against crime!

On Saturday June 27 is our annual CPNA ice cream social. It is great. Where else can you have four ice cream cones for free and not have to dip it yourself. Sorry no Blue Bell. We have any flavor you want as long as it is chocolate or vanilla. Come by! You might have fun and meet your neighbors.

Sincerely and Earnestly,

Terry Ziegler,

President of the Royal Benevolent Order of the Crowley Park Neighborhood Association and Benevolent Society!?!?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Reminder:

First Day of School

August 24

Fall 2015

National Night Out

October 6



Thank You RICHARDSON PARKS DEPARTMENT

A huge thanks to everyone in the Parks Department for their attention to the park preparation prior to the Crowley Park "Salute to Veterans." All of the men who arrived at the park on Friday, May 22, were so helpful to rake and clean the area. Crowley Park thanks you so much for your hard work and the resulting immaculate condition, especially due to the rainy weather conditions. We appreciate all that you have done and we love our park. Thanks so much.

Crowley Park Neighborhood Association



SALUTE TO VETERANS!

By Leslie Gullede and Lisa Galliano

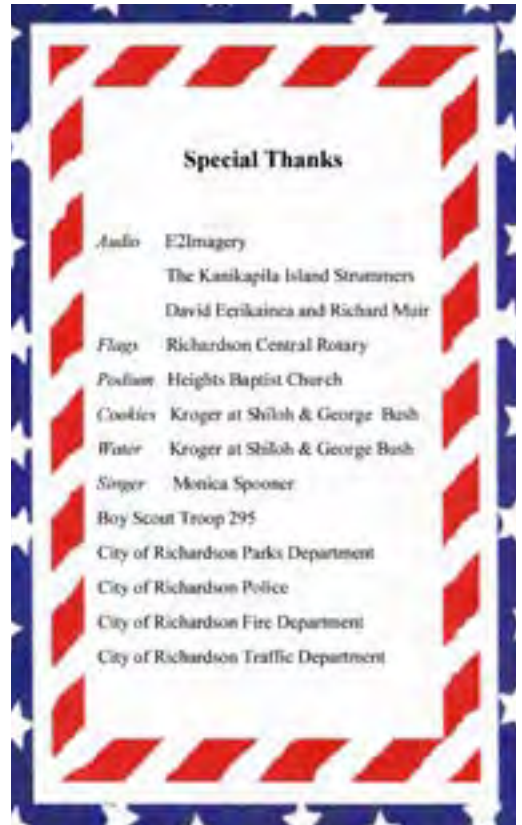
Memorial Day reminds us that the veterans of the United States Armed Forces are the keystone of the freedom that we all enjoy. So the Crowley Park Neighborhood Association celebrated the veterans living in the community with a touching ceremony in Crowley Park.

On Saturday, May 23, at "Salute to Veterans," fifty veterans were honored by the Crowley Park residents and several Richardson City Council members. The community thanked the veterans for their service in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Veterans in attendance bravely served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Era, the Cold War Era, the Gulf War, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan.

With 10 American flags waving in beautiful Crowley Park, Boy Scout Troop #295 opened the ceremony by posting the colors and eleven year old Monica Spooner led the proud attendees in the singing of The National Anthem. CPNA President, Terry Ziegler, introduced the Richardson Mayor, Paul Voelker, who praised the community for recognizing its courageous veteran neighbors and also stated that the neighborhoods are the heart and soul of Richardson.

U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson, a distinguished veteran himself, was the keynote speaker and gave a very moving speech to a silent crowd. He related a story of his father who had fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The Congressman shared a remembrance as a young boy standing at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as his dad wept. With the sacrifices of many men and women, Congressman Johnson reminded the crowd that freedom is not free. One of his utmost goals is to obtain support for the troops and veterans, including healthcare. Mr. Johnson mentioned the new Collin County VA Clinic, established in 2014 to serve veterans, active duty, reservists and their love ones.

The veterans displayed memorabilia from their years of military service and shared many fascinating stories. The World War II and the Korean War veterans posed with U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson while family and friends captured the moment on their cameras. Everyone in attendance shared an immense sense of pride and the veterans were truly grateful for the community's expression of appreciation for their devoted military service.



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WILDFLOWER HISTORY

By Lisa Travis Galliano

As a new resident to the Crowley Park neighborhood, I was struck by the beautiful wildflowers that began blooming in the park this spring. My husband and I moved here last July so this is the first spring we've lived here. Shortly after we arrived, I began walking around the park for exercise and quiet time. I am really happy to have such a lovely space to do so within walking distance of our home. One day back in March I was surprised to see all of the beautiful wildflowers that seemed to sprout overnight. This got me curious about the history of the flowers. I learned the following information from Dan Baker, Superintendent of Parks at the City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department.

Background info on the wildflower program:

- The program began around 1990 with seeding the medians on the roadsides, parks and public buildings
- The program has now expanded to contracted work on corporation properties and private sites
- The annual Wildflower festival in May is an art and music festival in Richardson
- Richardson is known in the greater area for the wildflower planting

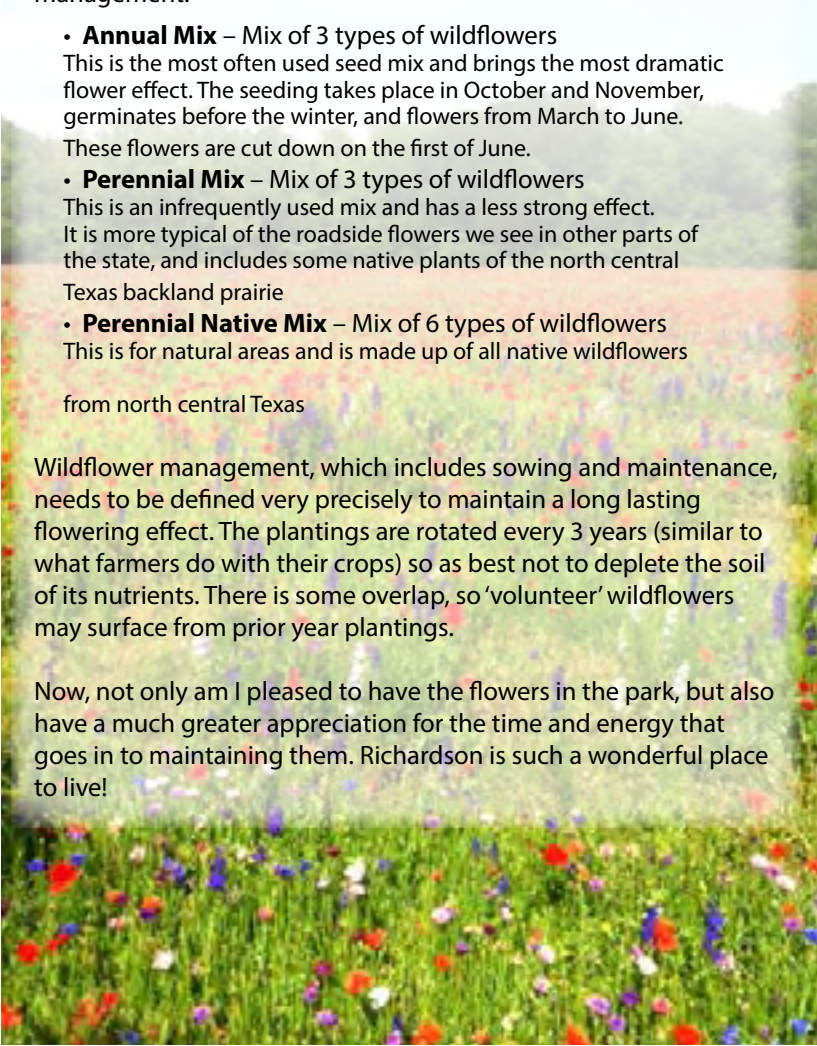
There are 3 different programs currently established in Richardson. These programs vary in the types of seed mixes and the management.

- **Annual Mix** – Mix of 3 types of wildflowers
This is the most often used seed mix and brings the most dramatic flower effect. The seeding takes place in October and November, germinates before the winter, and flowers from March to June. These flowers are cut down on the first of June.
- **Perennial Mix** – Mix of 3 types of wildflowers
This is an infrequently used mix and has a less strong effect. It is more typical of the roadside flowers we see in other parts of the state, and includes some native plants of the north central Texas backland prairie
- **Perennial Native Mix** – Mix of 6 types of wildflowers
This is for natural areas and is made up of all native wildflowers

from north central Texas

Wildflower management, which includes sowing and maintenance, needs to be defined very precisely to maintain a long lasting flowering effect. The plantings are rotated every 3 years (similar to what farmers do with their crops) so as best not to deplete the soil of its nutrients. There is some overlap, so 'volunteer' wildflowers may surface from prior year plantings.

Now, not only am I pleased to have the flowers in the park, but also have a much greater appreciation for the time and energy that goes in to maintaining them. Richardson is such a wonderful place to live!



Contributed by Bonnie Cash

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

- July is the month to start your fall tomato garden.
- Begin trimming spent flower stalks on perennials.
- If you haven't done so already, cut back some overgrown annuals (such as impatiens and coleus) and perennials (such as asters and salvia). A light shearing can help prevent the plants from falling over.
- Roses can be trimmed back now by one-third to one-half so they will rejuvenate for the fall season.
- Mature or overgrown climbing roses can be shaped up now without damaging next year's bloom potential.
- As it continues to heat up outside, keep your plants well watered.
- Continue mowing your lawn once per week to maintain good healthy growth and reduce any unnecessary wear and tear on lawn equipment.
- Continue fertilizing your lawn and garden with a high nitrogen fertilizer, following recommended application rates.

Source: DallasArboretum.org



**REMINDER: CURRENTLY WE ARE AT
NEW NORMAL WATERING SCHEDULE
TWICE-PER-WEEK!**

NEWS FLASH: TIME TO PLAN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTIES

City of Richardson

MANGO, CUCUMBER, & BLACK BEAN SALSA

Total Time: 10 Minutes

Serves: 4

- 1 cup mango, chopped
- 1 cup cucumber,
seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup canned black beans,
rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp jalapeno peppers,
seeded and minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp fresh orange juice
- 1/2 tsp salt

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, stirring gently. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Refrigerate any leftovers.

Tip: To make it a meal, serve with grilled pork, chicken or fish.

Recipe courtesy of Chef John-Kroger's My Magazine



Contributed by Bonnie Cash

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event in Richardson will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015. The theme remains "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." This is the event that encourages neighbors to "turn on your porch light, go outside, and meet your neighbor. 2015 is the 32nd year of National Night Out, the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program that stretches across all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military installations around the world. This year also marks the 32nd year of Richardson's local Neighborhood Watch Program, a self-help initiative that partners residents with their police department in crime-fighting efforts to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Another goal of National Night Out is to increase Neighborhood Watch participation across the city. Our Neighborhood Watch Leaders are encouraged to seek out and invite those who may not have an organized Neighborhood Watch on their street to join in the fun and fellowship, and to find out the advantage of having a Neighborhood Watch on their own block. NNO is the opportune time to start one.

Most neighborhoods participate by coordinating a block party. These range from a few neighbors gathering in the front yard for the evening, to coordinating a street closure with the city and inviting neighbors in the area for a cookout celebration complete with bounce houses and entertainment. Some Neighborhood Associations reserve a nearby city park and hold the gathering there. The Richardson Police Department will send out information as the event approaches and will request that parties register so that the Department can send an Officer to the party to visit with residents.

National Night Out is a very exciting event which draws our community together in partnerships to fight crime. This October, we will continue to show the rest of the nation how the City of Richardson is one of the best in the nation. If you have any questions about National Night Out or the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Richardson Police.



PRO-ACTIVE CRIME PREVENTION

By Terry Ziegler

This is the time of the year when we take extended vacations and time away from our homes. Nothing would ruin a vacation more than coming home to find your home burglarized or other catastrophes.

The best crime prevention is being pro-active. Harden the target! Make the bad guys go somewhere else. Here are some simple steps to take before you leave on vacation.

- Let your neighbors know that you are going to be gone and for how long. Tell the neighbors on either side and the neighbors in front and behind you. This gives you a chance to brag about your vacation to the KOA campground in Waxahachie with your wife and mother-in-law for two weeks. It will make your neighbor jealous.
- Put several interior lights on timers.....makes your home look occupied.
- Leave a radio on to a "talk radio" station...I suggest NPR FM90.1
- Stop delivery of the Dallas Morning News, or have someone remove it from your front yard.
- Ask your neighbor to pick up your mail, advertisement fliers, Crowley Park Newsletter (which is full of good stuff for you to read when you return), UPS/FEDEX packages, etc.
- Verify that all your doors and windows are locked. Seems simple....duh!
- Do not leave home with the washing machine, or dishwasher running....a product failure could be a mess. Leave a key to your house with somebody in case #7 happens.
- Enjoy your vacation
- Send a post card to the CPNA at PO Box830114, Richardson, Texas 75083 and tell us how your vacation is going.

If you want to get involved in Crime Prevention call Conard Kester about joining the Crowley Park Crime Watch Patrol @214 707 5414.



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.

July 2015

ARE YOU A VETERAN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE?

By Dave Schafer

Do you know a Veteran, or the family of a Veteran, who needs help, or has a question about their Veteran's benefits? Well, help is here. The Veterans Center of North Texas opened its doors in April of this year at 1932 Avenue K in East Plano. The Veterans Center of North Texas is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Veterans of all ages navigate the network of public and private agencies to get assistance for issues they may be facing.

Whether the Veteran is looking for a job, needs legal assistance, has a loved one who needs adult daycare supervision, or any of a myriad of other issues; the Veterans Center of North Texas can help. There are over 43,000 organizations nationwide and over 1,000 organizations in North Texas potentially available to help Veterans. The Veterans Center of North Texas has reviewed the services provided by each of these agencies and identified those that are best qualified to help Veterans living in North Texas. The Veterans Center of North Texas is staffed by volunteers, predominately Veterans. Referral services are provided without charge.

Call 214-600-2966 for an appointment.



<http://www.vcont.org>

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SEARED SHRIMP

WITH PEAS AND YELLOW RICE

Preparation Time: 15 Minutes

Cook Time: 15 Minutes

Serves: 6 (1-cup) servings

2 Tbs oil, divided
1 lb medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 1/2 cups water
2 Tbs butter
1 package of yellow rice
3/4 cup frozen peas, thawed
1/4 cup sliced green onions
1 Tbs lemon juice

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add 1/3 the shrimp; cook 2 minutes or until browned on both sides. Remove shrimp from skillet. Repeat with remaining shrimp, adding remaining 1 tablespoon oil as needed. Remove shrimp; set aside.

Add water and butter to same skillet; bring to boil. Stir in rice mix; return to boil. Reduce to low; cover and simmer 25 minutes or until rice is tender.

Stir in shrimp, peas, green onions and lemon juice until well mixed. Cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



City of Richardson

POSSIBLE UPCOMING GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND ELECTION FOR CITY OF RICHARDSON

The City Council is currently reviewing the possibility of calling for a no-taxation G.O. bond election this August. If approved, the election would be held in November 2015.

On-going briefings to the City Council, by City of Richardson personnel, began in April and will continue through mid-summer.

The exact amount has not been determined, but is anticipated to be \$50 million in today's value. Note that the estimated dollar cost provided in all the presentations substantially exceeds the anticipated total bond issue amount. The challenge for the City Council will be to select and prioritize which propositions (projects) to put on the ballot for Richardson citizens to vote on.

The initial presentations for possible inclusion in a G.O. bond election have included proposals for drainage enhancements, upgrades to public buildings, upgrades and enhancements to parks. Additional presentations on infrastructure, alleys, traffic, and walls will follow.

City staff proposed improvements to high priority City facilities to include the following:

- Reconstruction of Fire Station #3 - 2519 Custer Pkwy (built 1967)
- Updates to City Hall/Civic Center
- Animal Shelter upgrades
- Library enhancements
- Parking lot expansion - Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center
- Eisemann Center enhancements
- Renovation of the Public Safety Complex - with first priority given to parking & security enhancements and temporary facilities renovation

Park & Recreation staff has initially discussed the following:

- Breckinridge Recreation Center improvements
- Senior Center renovation
- Proposed Park Playground renovations (Crowley Park was included in the proposed project)
- Proposed Park Trail Projects (Crowley Park was included in the proposed project)
- Irrigation Controller Water Conservation Upgrades
- Pool Buildings Mechanical Renovations

While everything that positively impacts the improvement of Richardson's facilities/services is a win for all of us, Crowley Park Neighborhood Association remains focused on those items that provide enhancement of our park facilities and the renovation/beautification of our perimeter walls, boundary corners, and entranceways. Neighborhood Vitality projects (those involving walls, corners, and entranceways) are scheduled to be presented on June 15th to the City Council.

Remember – these are currently only proposals being made before the City Council. Once all the input has been provided, it is likely that a call notice will be issued in August, setting an election date in November for the citizens of Richardson to vote on the selected propositions (projects).

HOME BREWING AND THE CRAFT BEER SCENE IN NORTH TEXAS

By Lee Knox

If you haven't noticed lately, the craft beer scene is growing at an exponential rate in the DFW area, Texas, and the United States as a whole. In 2014, we finally reached the all-time high for number of breweries operating in the United States. The previous high water mark was in the pre-prohibition era. And if you were to go around to each and every new craft brewery in the area, no matter how big or small, and ask them how they got started, I guarantee that they will all have the same answer: Homebrewing.

Since around the dawn of civilization, humans have brewed beer. It is a fairly uncomplicated process in its essence, but is an art that we all learn to love. With a small amount of startup, it is a very worthwhile and enjoyable process that will leave you appreciating beer more than you had before. The first thing you will learn is that you do not create the beer. You create the "wort" that becomes beer.

Wort is, essentially, a sugar-water that is made from soaking milled grains in very hot water. The water soaks up a lot of the sugars from the grain and is then considered wort. After this, you boil the wort for a period of time determined by the recipe, sometimes with more boiled water added into it. After this boil, the wort is transferred to another boil where you add in hops, a flower of a vine plant, for bittering and aroma. This boil is where a lot of the flavor comes from. You can also add in other items like orange zest, honey, cocoa nibs, or whichever item you wish at this time! After this boil, the wort is transferred to a fully sanitized bucket or container called a "carboy" for fermentation. This is where the magic happens.

We say that we make wort, not beer because it is this stage that the yeast does its job. When the wort is transferred into the bucket or carboy after being cooled considerably, you add in the yeast. If it's too hot, your yeast will die. The yeast works by eating the sugars in the wort, and producing ethanol and carbon dioxide. This makes your wort into beer, by adding alcohol and carbonation. This can take anywhere from a couple weeks to 6 months, depending on your recipe.

I first got into home brewing during the craft beer explosion in the Texas beer scene about 5 years ago. At that time, the city of Dallas was working to open its first craft brewery ever, Deep Ellum Brewing Company. Since then, I cannot begin to count the number of craft breweries that are open or in the process of opening in the DFW area. Richardson now has its first craft brewery, Four Bullets Brewery, opened earlier this year. The growth since 2010 has been exponential and I began brewing beer to gain a better understanding and appreciation of it.

Only until you have spent 5 hours in a Texas summer, boiling wort in your garage and then waiting months before being able to see if your work paid off can you truly appreciate the sweat and passion that went into the craft beer you are drinking. When you drink a craft beer, preferably local, you are drinking the culmination of a lifetime of work that began many years ago in a garage or backyard. You are drinking history and a part of that person's culture. And it all began with someone's home brewing.

If you are interested in home brewing yourself, I encourage you to stop by Homebrew Headquarters in Richardson off of Coit Road and Belt Line, or research the required elements and processes online.

July 2015

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 June 12, there have been 16 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:

Joseph & Carisa Perales on Silver Holly Ln.
Lee Kenter & Marisa Violante on N. Spring Dr.
Andy & Lily Morgan on Greenpark Dr.
Lars Staberg & Mark Orozco on Tulip Dr.
Michael & Kara Cunningham on Mum Dr.
Lewis Rigdon on Orchid Dr.
Ben & Mandy Miles on Silver Holly Ln.
Anson & Tiffany Long on Honeysuckle Dr.
Lynn & Cassie Khaing on Primrose Dr.

WELCOME TO CROWLEY PARK!

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Dear Neighbors:

We are fortunate to be in our 5th 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 \$25 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!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By Dot Pitts

The 2015-2016 CPNA membership drive will run from August 1 through August 31, 2015. Everyone renewing memberships during this period will be entered in a drawing for prizes at the annual meeting in September. You could be one of the lucky winners so watch for more details in the upcoming weeks!!!

The purpose for this August membership drive is to avoid the lines at the annual meeting in September. Membership for 2015-2016 will be \$25.00 per household.



CPNA MEMBERSHIP

Crowley Park Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association for all designated Crowley Park area residents. Dues are \$25 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 CPNA 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, 2015 - September 30, 2016

Application Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Other Adults _____

House Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

For communicating planned events, meetings, and alerts

Payment (\$25) CASH CHECK # _____

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

Volunteering (check all that applies):

- Neighborhood Safety (Crime Watch Patrol)
- Social Events
- Flyer/Newsletter Distribution
- Newsletter Contributor
- Welcome Committee
- "Trash Bash" (Crowley Park cleanup)
- OTHER _____

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

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

~ Crowley Park Neighborhood Association ~

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Committee Use Only:

Payment Received Date: _____

TWISTED TORNADO MYTHS - EXPOSED!

Tornado myths are more than just incorrect - these popular misconceptions can lead people into danger. Learn the truth about tornadoes and what you can do to stay safe.

Is it safe to seek shelter under a bridge or an overpass during a tornado?

NO! Bridges and overpasses may enhance the winds and blast debris under the structure and into you! A strong tornado may even cause the bridge or overpass to collapse on top of you. If you're driving and encounter a tornado moving toward you, your best option is to drive in the opposite direction and attempt to get out of its path.

Should I open the windows on my house before a tornado hits?

NO! Opening windows in your home to relieve the pressure changes in a tornado is useless and a waste of precious time. If a tornado hits your house, it most likely will break windows anyway. Stay away from windows during a tornado and get to as low a place as possible.

If I can see a tornado and it is not coming directly at me, does that mean I am safe?

NO! Tornadoes can be hidden by heavy rainfall or darkness. Some tornadoes are so wide that you may not realize what you're seeing until it's too late. Tornadoes can toss items hundreds of yards away from the actual funnel. Always seek shelter in a sturdy building, on the lowest level, away from windows during tornado warnings.

Current average lead-time for tornado warning is 13 minutes.

Make these minutes count: Purchase a NOAA all-hazards weather radio to get reliable indoor warnings from the National Weather Service and download the FEMA app (for Android and Apple devices) which allows users to receive alerts on severe weather for up to 5 counties.



Learn more about tornadoes and tornado safety at <http://www.sp.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/> in the Online Tornado FAQ from the experts at NOAA'S Storm Prediction Center.

Planning resources and emergency supply lists are available at www.cor.net/em. Let's Get Ready Richardson!



POW BRACELET

By Dot Pitts and Joan Johnson

A POW bracelet is a nickel-plated or copper commemorative bracelet engraved with the name, rank, and loss date of an American serviceman captured or missing during the Vietnam War.



In May 1970 a California student group called Voices in Vital America created the bracelets with the intention that American POWs in Vietnam not be forgotten. The bracelets sold for \$2.50 or \$3.00. Those who wore the bracelets vowed to leave them on until the soldier named on the bracelet, or their remains, were returned to America.

When the POW bracelets became available to the public in May 1970, Crowley Park resident Joan Johnson sent a request for a bracelet carrying the name of LTC Samuel Johnson. Joan had the same last name and her grandfather's first name was Samuel. Finally she knew that Sam Johnson had been shot down on April 16, 1966. This date was exactly two weeks after she and her husband, Chuck were married... April 2, 1966.

Joan also learned that Sam Johnson was from the Dallas metroplex. Mr. Johnson attended SMU and married his high school sweetheart ... the same as she had.

Joan wore Sam Johnson's bracelet until he was repatriated in February, 1973.

Sam Johnson and Joan Johnson met at the Crowley Park 'Salute to Veterans' on May 23, 2015, where Joan shared her story about the POW bracelet.





Lunch: Tue-Fri 11-4 • Brunch Buffet: Sunday 10-2

Happy Hour

Tue & Wed all day
Thu - Sun 11am-7pm



Private Room

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Business Hours: Tue-Thu 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm



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Our Mission:

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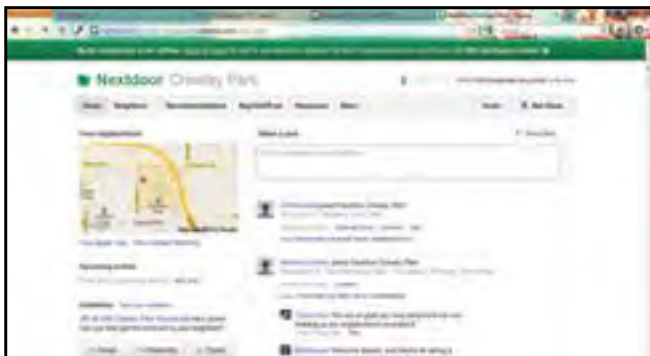
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF “RUN FOR THE WALL”

By Dwight “Dutch” Stevens

Run For The Wall began with its first “across the nation” motorcycle ride in 1986. It all began with my good friend “Gunny” Gregory. He rode his Harley-Davidson Wide Glide in the Los Angeles “Welcome Home” parade for Vietnam Veterans. He was the only biker and Combat Vet in the parade. He met his Vietnam Fire Team Leader, Carl Rice, and visited the “moving wall” for the first time. Carl told him about live POWs left behind in Nam. He couldn’t believe what he said, but he convinced



Gunny. He invited Gunny to a breakfast that Sunday morning to hear families talk about POW/MIAs. One of those speakers was Marion Shelton, the wife of Col. Charles Shelton...the last official Prisoner of War of the Vietnam War. That morning Marion enlisted several others into her army of POW/MIA supporters. She and Carl asked, “Can we help? What can the bikers do?”

Carl then walked from Los Angeles to Port Angeles, WA, (his home) along interstate highways carrying the POW/MIA flag. About the same time, Gunny received a letter from Artie Muller and Ray Manzo, two Nam Vets planning a rally on Memorial Day weekend of 1988, using veteran bikers as their voice to the government. They called the rally ROLLING THUNDER, named after the B-52 strikes that rolled through Vietnam. Another Vietnam Vet, Bill Evans, asked for help planning and conducting a motorcycle run to Washington, DC but Gunny had already begun the planning process. Bill named this pilgrimage RUN FOR THE WALL! Several other Nam Vets also joined our core group. We made up a black and yellow “Jane Fonda, American Traitor” patch, sold them through Easyriders Magazine and started raising funds.

We all flew to DC to meet with Artie, Ray, Col. Earl Hopper, a POW family member, and Top Holland, our local point of contact. We had a successful meeting, and firmed up plans for Rolling Thunder II. At breakfast, we learned that Philippine Communist guerrillas murdered Col. Nick Rowe, a former POW and Special Forces Officer. Top served with Col. Rowe and knew him well. In 1988, my friend Gunny Gregory was the S-4 and Safety Officer for 2nd Bn, in San Diego. That meant he had to attend safety school at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. He took leave and travel time to recon the routes for Run For The Wall. We both rode eastbound on the southern route. Then a miracle happened.

Strangers and volunteers started calling and donating time, energy, food, and gas for the routes. Several vet groups, churches, and motorcycle rights organizations were (and still

are) the backbone of Run For The Wall.

In May 1989, Marion Shelton saw the first Run leave from San Diego with a local police escort. Gunny was in the lead. However, before we reached Ontario, Bill lost some of his gear, blew a tire, and then blew his motor. He spent the rest of the Run in the back of a pick-up. This was the first time anyone had ever tried to lead a pack of motorcycles across country.

Everyone said we were crazy. About 115 bikes left San Diego the first year. Most turned back in Las Vegas, but about 15 went all the way.

In Kansas, veterans and bikers paid our way through the tollbooths on the turnpike, causing us to take our own “special” route around pay stations. In Charleston, WV, I tried to explain to an official of the WV DOT how this worked, but he would not listen. Therefore, I made the decision along with Gary Wetzel to take Hwy 60 through the mountains. This fateful decision introduced us to Rainelle, WV, one of the most patriotic communities in America and now one of the major highlights of Run For The Wall.

On Friday, May 26th, 1989 Run For the Wall accomplished its first mission, arriving in Washington, DC, and walking to The Wall. The next day, Saturday, we laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On Sunday, we helped lead Rolling Thunder with Gary Wetzel, Bill on Pete’s bike, and Gunny leading the pack. This was one of the proudest moments of my life. To this day “Run For The Wall” has been uninterrupted in its annual mission to Washington, DC. We just completed our 27th mission in May.

Challenge Coin Footnote: In 2008 on the twentieth anniversary of the first official mission of “Run For TheWall” a Challenge Coin was commissioned to commemorate this event and to recognize and honor our veterans. The coin represents all veterans from all wars, and especially the POW/MIAs. On Saturday May 23, 2015, I was proud to present Glenda Jenkins with one of these rare Challenge Coins for her work in recognizing our veterans from all wars. The only other challenge coin given out that day was given to the Honorable Sam Johnson, Vietnam POW. Oh, I forgot ... both Presidents Bush have one also!!

As stated on the coin: “We Ride For Those Who Can’t.”

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