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THE HEIGHTS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Heights Park Residents
Please Join Us
(Bitte tritt uns bei)

Draft! Dogs Dessert

Free Beer for HPNA Members

CHILI COOKOFF
Prizes Awarded!

Sat OCT 21 5:30 pm
THOMPSON DR.
100 BLOCK

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OKTOBERFEST IS HERE!

The word has gotten out and the crowds were overflowing last year. Every year we weave in something new for you. What you ask?

FEST: That means nummy neighbor's savory stews. Dogs and desserts round out this oh so healthy meal. Hey, it's free - no complaining!

FROTH: Double the kegs this year! This brew is free to HPNA members.

FIREMEN: For the kids (and let's be real...the ladies), firemen show up in their firetruck to judge at 4:45 pm. Eating begins when judging completes.

FIGHT: For the right to be claimed a **Chili Cookoff** Champion! The contest has grown into a fierce fight among friends vowing to take the title away for bragging rights. Prove your stew can stand out and enter **by Oct. 19**. No late entries will be eligible for prizes. New this year-you can bring chili to share, but to win you must be a member. **Special incentive:** Join now and we'll extend your membership until Dec. 31, 2024! It will also make you eligible for complimentary cold ones and to win in the

Halloween Decor Contest (see page 5). **Email contact@heightspark.com to enter. Three seriously great grand prizes** and a People's Choice are up for grabs. And a bust your buttons **WINNER sign** posted in your yard once you've crushed your competitors.

FOR REAL: Why on earth would you not attend this **pot full of fun** event? Can't think of a reason, can ya! Okay then, we'll see you there. And so you know this is the real deal, take a gander at the below (unaltered) photos. Pictures are worth 1000 words and, like George Washington, cannot tell a lie!



Won't you please help feed others by bringing canned goods? All collected will be donated to the Network of Community Ministries.

HEIGHTS PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



WHAT HAVE YOU MISSED?



Our Annual General Meeting was one BIG HIT! We had an incredible turnout and an even more incredible time!

The purposes of this meeting is to **conduct election of officers** for our Board, to **review our budget** for the year, and get everyone up to speed on any **pertinent business or happenings** that directly effect our neighborhood or city. Janet DePuy, our Mayor Pro Tem gave us the highlights from the **State of the City**.

But we always add in an element of fun. This meeting was no exception and is gonna be a hard one to top. To tie into the city's grand 150th Anniversary celebration going on for the first half of the year, we wrote and conducted our own **Richardson Trivia Game** (see pg. 8 to play a piece of it). Of course we featured several questions on the one and only Heights Park. For those in the know, **some great prizes** were nabbed and for those new here, they learned a heck of a lot about this great city of ours. We even stumped a few of our council members and our City Manager, who by the way liked the game so much he requested it for use with city meetings.

So now that you are crying that you missed this one, dry your eyes because you can make up for it by coming to our **2024 meeting. It's in January. Watch for deets** on our website, on Social Media, and those fun street signs! See ya there, cry baby!



Some of our "can't kill their spirits" board members were L to R, Danielle Stuart, Karen Love, Bonnie Kudlicki, Judi & Mark Hoefle. The smart one with the umbrella? Janet DePuy-always there to support us and her neighborhood!



Guess who was glad it rained (not just because it puts out fires)? Fire Station #1! We fed our hard-working fire fighters with the breakfast burritos, Cinnaholic buns, OJ and coffee we were going to serve to swimmers.



**H.P.N.A. GENERAL MEETING
Richardson Sr. Center**

>>> WE ASKED. YOU CLIMBED ABOARD. <<<

In January you received our Spring newsletter on your doorsteps, which in part kicked off our 2023 H.P.N.A. Membership Drive. **We set a lofty goal to shoot to new "heights". Our final frontier? To boldly go where no man had gone before!**

We followed up with a flyer that would have left us hanging in space until we reached our destination. Thank goodness you responded.

We're so excited to say we not only hit, but soared past our goal. We have more members than ever before! What this means to you is that we are able to continue with all the great activities and perks that come from your Heights Park Neighborhood Association. And maybe, just like you taking us into the heights of space, **we can now further explore to bring you exciting new moons and stars in our future.**

But don't cool your jets too much. We'll kick off another drive again in January because, as you know, your membership runs on fuel only from January through December each year.

This year **as noted on the 1st and 5th page**, there are **several perks** still to come this year **that can only be accessed by members**. So if you didn't climb on board yet, check those out and do so now!

**AND TALK ABOUT SHOOTING TO THE MOON!
A HUGE SHOUT OUT OF CONGRATS TO
THE NEIGHBORS ON
NORTH
GENTLE DRIVE.**

**THE ONLY STREET TO
ACHIEVE 100% PARTICIPATION IN MEMBERSHIP!
ONE SMALL STEP FOR STREETS, ONE
GIANT LEAP FOR H.P.N.A.**

Hey, isn't that where our President and our Design/Publications Chair live? Hmm, ya' think there was any pressure behind that trajectory? ;)

100%



>> **Speaking of Good Neighbors <<**
**September 28 was
National Good Neighbor Day**
Did you know that was a thing?

One day has been set aside but this is something that should carry on all year long. In a time where so much angst is swirling, even a small act can start a positive wave of happiness. Try it and watch the joy flow back to you twofold. It's neighbors that put the **GOOD IN OUR HOOD.**

9 EASY WAYS to start the Wave

- > 1. When you see your neighbor out and about, smile **and wave**. Almost always you'll get a smile back! And you just brighten their day and yours.
- > 2. When someone will be out of town for a few days, or even a few weeks, trusted neighbors are happy to check the mail and grab the packages for them.
- > 3. Lots of our neighbors walk their dogs morning and evening. A short chat will help you both get to know each other.
- > 4. Set up donuts and coffee in your front yard and invite neighbors, especially those you don't know over. Coffee is the great connector.
- > 5. A good portion of our neighbors are in their golden years. Offer to run an errand for them, take out their trash or just visit for a few minutes.
- > 6. If you make cookies or treats, bring some over to your neighbors. It's sweet to share sweets.
- > 7. On Halloween have a few neighbors bring their lawn chairs and candy to your driveway. You'll have a great time with each other and meeting the children and their parents who come trick-or-treating.
- > 8. Maintaining your home keeps property values high and contributes to neighborhood spirit. So, tend your garden, pick up trash, and repaint when necessary. While you're at it, cultivate inner beauty, too, by sharing positive vibes, recipes, and flowers.
- > 9. Be respectful and considerate of others. Deal with any issues face-to-face instead of posting it on social media. Be calm, constructive and come to a fair and balanced resolution. You'll both reap the rewards.





PET SPOTLIGHT



Hi, I'm GUS...

Oh, and my humans are Mary Shannon & Todd Ratliff
725 Greenleaf

Did ya' hear me on May 27 partying on my 3rd birthday? I hope I didn't make too much noise celebrating. Next time I'm not inviting those beagles!

My humans also include George, Charlie, Anna Claire and Tucker who have all lived here since April 2015. I joined the family during that time when everyone had masks on. I thought people were just wearing their Halloween costumes for a long time. Speaking of, I'm so excited that fun day is right around the corner. I'm gonna be an A&M wide receiver this year 'cause my human parents and the three oldest kids will or have graduated from A&M. I watch the games with them all the time. I'm as strong as those dudes and I'm great at carrying footballs. Plus, the uniform works wonders getting the attention of the female dogs in the hood, which I'm partial to. I don't have a girlfriend. I prefer to keep my options open. My hobbies? Toys! My favorite? It's that red snake in my mouth. Once I have it, Mary can't pry it out of me. By the way mom, that one is a bit torn up (I didn't do it!) so it's on my Christmas list. I dream of my next vacation to Colorado where I get to splash in the lake and chase after rabbits, squirrels, really anything that rustles in the grass. The mountains bring out my wild side. Grrrrruff!

Where do I see myself in one year? That's the easiest question you asked. Right here in Heights Park at the feet of my humans who love me so much as they watch the Aggies and I watch Reveille. I told ya' I was into the ladies!

Want to spotlight a neighbor or pet? Bark, meow or chirp at us: Email - contact@heightspark.com

UPCOMING Mark Your Calendars FUN!

LIGHT YOUR WHITES

Plug in the cords on your white spiral trees on **Dec. 2** to make our neighborhood's tradition SHINE!



STROLL & SING CAROLING

Croon with chords on **Dec. 3** to share holiday joy through the gift of song.



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3rd Annual BACK BY A HAUNTINGLY POPULAR DEMAND!

Bring those skeletons out of your closet! This contest really rattles us. Our favorite hunt for the favorite haunt is back on! So knock the cobwebs out of your creative brain and decorate up your haunted habitat. We will post pictures of the most bone chilling, crackerjack clever homes on our Facebook page. The rest is up to you to vote on your ghoulish favorites. The winners will be announced on October 23rd! **NOTE:** Only HPNA Members are eligible for prizes. Why not smash two pumpkins with one if you're not a HPNA member? Join for this and to score free beer and the chance to win the Chili Cookoff as well (see front page).

Cash prizes for members will be awarded in two categories...

Most Creative - \$50 cash prize

Scariest - \$50 cash prize

We will be floating through the neighborhood looking for the most eye popping decor, but if you want to make sure your home is considered for its bone chilling or ingeniously thrilling style, be sure to email: contact@heightspark.com

BOO! • SCARY • HOW CLEVER! • CRAZY • IS THAT REALLY HANGING IN MID AIR? • SCREAM • HOW'D THEY DO THAT? • CREEPY





A Summer without a Lemonade Stand is like a day without Sunshine



How refreshing it was to stumble upon this precious entrepreneurial idyllic scene in our charming neighborhood. Their smiling faces and enthusiastic selling spirit stopped walkers and cars in their tracks. Each and everyone left with sweetness in their cups and in their hearts, reminding us all of the joy and hope that still persists in our children.

At the home of Ann & Ken Dean, 108 N. Weatherred Drive
 L to R: Ann (the tall one :) Saule, Aris, (neice & nephew), Brooks, Clair (Ann & Ken's grandkids)



OUR TREASURED TERRIFIC TREES

And just like that, we transition from Summer to Fall, with long-awaited cooler weather and hope of rain to come. Autumn is the ideal time to plant and generally to trim.

We are lucky enough to live in a neighborhood rich with mature trees, something that's missing from newer areas. The values are tree-fold! Before you jump into or hire out trimming, it's critical to keep the below in mind since it is impossible to replace the loss of a mature tree in your or your grandchildren's lifetime.

Here are some very basic but very important guides:

The 3 T's of trimming: Tools, Timing, and Technique.

There is much science that goes into these three important points. Do your research before tackling trimming or use an arborist or someone with knowledge and experience. Money well-spent upfront protects the potential loss of a priceless plant, especially when it comes to mature trees.

Prune with Purpose. Trees don't need a lot of pruning. DO NOT overprune.

Cut too much and you'll risk nutritional deficiencies or branches that are too weak to tolerate the wind or fend off diseases or insect invasions. Over pruning and topping can permanently disfigure your trees, or even kill them.

Contemplate before Cutting.

Think long and hard before removing a tree. Consider the many values of trees and how long it will take for a mature tree to grow before ever considering removing one.

The VALUE of TREES



Lifting is the term used for cutting only the lower limbs off trees. It is unnatural and not good for trees.



Over pruning by gutting - another bad pruning technique.

CONGRATS TO OUR YARDS OF THE MONTH

JUNE



524 Parkview - Malarie and Nate

JULY



205 N. Weatherred

AUG



800 N. Floyd - Ginger Banks

SEPT



524 Westwood - Terry Chapel

"We are so very grateful to Bruce Miller for years of generously providing all Yard of the Month winner's gift certificates. May your goodness continue to flow back to you in the form of a successful business in full bloom."



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SIGN UP TO GET MONTHLY HPNA EMAIL UPDATES

Periodically we send a neighborhood email to our HPNA residents. This email contains brief neighborhood or City of Richardson news or exciting upcoming events.

If you don't want to miss out, we need your email address. We don't distribute or sell your email address to anyone. It is strictly used to communicate neighborhood news to you. Please send an email to contact@heightspark.com with a request to be added to the email update, or visit our HPNA website www.heightspark.com and sign up there.

Many of you are already on NextDoor.com or our FaceBook or Instagram, but an email update is just one more way to get information out to you. Because it's costly to provide a printed newsletter more than twice a year, electronic communications is very cost effective and timely method of bringing neighborhood and city news to you. **Just below, check out all the ways we reach out to you and you can keep up with all that is Heights Park.**

ABOUT HEIGHTS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Heights Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) is an organization created by the residents of the Heights Park area of Richardson, Texas, to promote communication and cohesiveness throughout the neighborhood. HPNA brings together neighbors to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community.

We promote safety, an attractive appearance, a family atmosphere and community pride. Our neighborhood is located in the northwest area of Richardson, bordered on the north and south by Arapaho Road and Beltline Road and on the east and west by Custer Road and Thompson Road.



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RICHARDSON
TEXAS

Our Richardson Trivia Game

If you missed the General Meeting in January, here's a few questions to test your city knowledge. No cheating!

1. Where is the oldest house in Richardson?
2. What was the name of the first newspaper in Richardson?
3. Name the oldest restaurant in our city?
4. What was the theme of the original Heights Park playground?
5. How many homes are there in our lovely little neighborhood?
6. Give us two major roads named after early settlers?

How Did You Do?

Go ahead and peek to find out.

1. 813 Beltline Road - The Skiles home built around 1898. It is currently being used as a private residence.
2. Richardson Echo-Began in 1900 by Sam Harben
3. Del's Charcoal Burgers
4. Space
5. 1047
6. Campbell and Floyd Road

There are so many interesting facts about the city you live in. Explore them in our library. The librarian Stacy Davis is a wealth of resource for Richardson history. Have some fun and challenge her!