Regency Park H O A N E W S



SPRING (FULL/ELECTRONIC) ISSUE

April 2016

Special points of interest:

- Please attend our Annual Meeting.
- We need volunteers!
- See last page for a expired drug collection event coming April 30th
- Contact us if you have any questions about who we are and what we do.



Yard of the Month Timely Tips

Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the Regency Park Voluntary Homeowners' Association's Annual Community Meeting.

It is that time of year again! Come to the Regency Park Voluntary HOA Annual Meeting to hear about the great work that our Volunteers have done the past year and hear about some of our goals for the coming year. Come also to have your voice heard and find out how <u>YOU</u> can help our Community and how our HOA can help You do it! We will have guest speakers and light refreshments.

The Details:

Who: <u>All</u> Regency Park Residents (owners and non-owners)

What: Regency Park Voluntary Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 6:30 pm

Where: Timberglen Library; 18505 Midway Road

(Southwest corner of Midway and Timberglen)

Why: Because <u>*You*</u> live Here and our Volunteers can help improve Your Family's Safety and Quality of Life.

We will elect our Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 service year, share information that is important to all residents and homeowners, hear from Councilwoman Sandy Greyson and others, and there will be snacks!

Thank You!

A very special thank you to those neighbors who have served on the Board this past year and to our other active volunteers.

Without the time, care, and effort of our volunteers our HOA would cease to exist. As a community we would miss out on social events and safety awareness. We also wouldn't have our beautification projects in place without the help and dedication of our passionate neighbors. Thank you to those who have and continue to serve our neighbors. We'd also like to thank our volunteers who contributed to the content of this newsletter.



Alley Street Address Numbers

Are you aware the Police, Fire Department and your Crime Watch Patrol use the alley ways to respond to emergencies and patrol? First responders have difficulty in determining the correct house because most homes do not have the street numbers clearly visible from the alleys. To help first responders save your life or your property from harm, please identify your house from the alleys.

Street numbers can be purchased from any local do-it-yourself store, like Lowe's or Home Depot. The street numbers can be mounted on your garage door trim; either at the top or side....the goal is to make it as visible as possible, day or night. Our Crime Watch neighbors can (and do) notify residents of open garage doors and other potentially negative situations, but only if the house number is visible. Thank you to our Citizens Crime Watch volunteers for protecting our homes and our valuables!

If you have not provided your contact information to the Regency Park I & II Voluntary HOA, please email RegencyParkDallas@yahoo.com, to provide your updated contact information. Please help us make you and your property safer!

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PUP (Pick-Up-Poop) CAMPAIGN

The PUP CAMPAIGN is a community effort among RPHOA and surrounding neighborhoods to decrease the occurrence of pet waste. It has been noted that there was a sharp increase in the number of complaints of animal waste violations in 2015.

With springtime here and summer approaching, many of us will spend more time outside with our pets. To ensure that everyone has a pleasant experience while walking our neighborhood, please remember that dog owners are required to both a) carry clean up materials, and b) remove their dog's excrement immediately from public and private property.

Please refer to Dallas City Code Volume 1 Chapter 7 Section 7-4.8 and Sec 7-8.1., for specific details on this ordinance which includes fines, civil penalties, and possible intervention by the Health Department for repeat violators:

https://www.animallaw.info/local/txdallas-dallas-city-code-volume-ichapter-7-animals#s748

Please help us work to keep our community a clean place to live for all.

Thank you for your cooperation.

VIPs

In March, Volunteer In Patrol (VIP) Certification Training sessions were conducted by our local North Central Patrol Division. Officer Mark Lutz, along with a loyal and active VIP member from another local HOA, provided common sense courses for participants. The Dallas Police Department's (DPD) VIP Program is an extension of the Crime Watch Program in Dallas. Participants received basic training in order to recognize suspicious activity and report such activity to the DPD in a clear and timely manner. VIPs are NOT CONFRONTA-TIONAL and should only act as witnesses who report incidents and problems to DPD. The main take away from this training is that VIPs are to provide a visible presence in our neighborhood as a deterrent to criminal activity. It is up to the VIP to report sus-

picious or illegal activities for DPD to apprehend criminals. Criminal activity <u>can</u> be reduced if individuals and communities resume their roles as partners with law enforcement.

For future training sessions, sign up for email notifications or check our website; www.regencyparkdallas.com

RegencyParkDallas@yahoo.com

A Call for Volunteers

What has the Regency Park HOA done lately? NOTHING!

Your <u>Friends and Neigh-</u> bors make <u>Everything</u> happen.

As residents of Regency Park, we are lucky to have dedicated people who <u>Choose</u> to take the time to improve *EVERYONE'S* quality of life. The HOA can always use new <u>People</u>. The more people we have, the more we can do <u>Together</u>, and the <u>Easier</u> it will be for each of us.

We only ask for what you are willing to give and, in return, you will have the resources and financial support of the Regency Park Voluntary HOA.

There are various outlets and opportunities for volunteers. The HOA has several committees that your talents might serve well on. From updating our website, to patrolling our alleys (if certified to do so), to helping feed our local emergency personnel at Fire Station 10, or planning social events...we could use you! We even could use extra hands for our annual events, like placing lawn flags out on Memorial day! Contact us if you would like to get involved.

In fact, two Committees that are in need of volunteers RIGHT NOW are the Membership Committee and Block Party Committee.

To volunteer, please email RegencyParkDallas@yahoo.com or call Ehren at 469-435-0576.



A Year in Review: 2015-2016 Accomplishments

What have your Neighbors done for you lately?

Your Friends & Neighbors have been hard at work this past year to improve the quality of life for all residents of Regency Park:

- We have researched and purchased new signs to post at our entrances.
- This allows us to spread the word about Community News and Events.

- We have purchased safety vests and lights.
- * This allows us to be noticed when we are working for the HOA. We will be noticed by residents AND potential burglars.
- We coordinated with the Dallas Police Department to host Citizens Crime Watch Classes.
- * This created a dozen new Citizens Crime Watch (aka VIPs) certified residents and strengthened our

bond with our Dallas Police Officers.

- We renewed our efforts with residents patrolling.
- This results in residents being notified if their garages are left open and shows potential burglars that we have our eyes open and are concerned about our neighbors and neighborhood.

Recent Notice of Household Leaks

Neighbors have discussed on social media outlets, that there seems to be an increase in household leaks. The cause seems to be a mystery; it could be the age of the home/corrosion of pipes, a sprinkler leak, a slab leak, or issues with pool equipment. Regardless of the source, it is unfortunate for any homeowner or tenant. One of the first indications of a leak (either an indoor or outdoor source) seems to be an increased water bill.

Luckily, it seems as though the City is willing to help adjust rates if the leak is detected and repaired. It is a process and you need to contact The City's Water Utility Department to get started; (214) 651-1441

Their website also provides a "Residential Water Charges Calculator" for those who want to be proactive about water usage: http:// dallascityhall.com/departments/ waterutilities/Pages/dallas-watercalculator.aspx

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469-435-0576 or via e-mail:

Please be advised that the Regency Park HOA and the Regency Park Board of Directors do not in any way sponsor, approve, condone, edit or participate in any social networking site or web-site other than the official Regency Park website and Facebook page:

www.RegencvParkDallas.com

&

Facebook Group, Regency Park I & II

Homeowner's Association,

Inc., Dallas

Yard of the Month & Timely Tips

Thanks to a partnership with Calloway's Nursery our HOA has been able to sponsor a monthly Yard of the Month (YOM) club. Monthly winners are chosen by a dedicated Beautification Committee volunteer, Barb Kabat. Routinely, while walking our neighborhood, Barb keeps an eye out for well maintained yards that have much curb appeal. A lucky winner receives a gift card to Calloway's and gets to have an HOA yard sign announcing they are the YOM!

Please contact The Board if you'd like to nominate a neighbor: RegencyParkDallas@yahoo.com



Our local Walgreens, 18207 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX 75287, is collecting unused and expired medications. See below for details or visit this link for more information: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/

drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



THEY'RE SAFER in our HANDS

UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS CAN CAUSE ACCIDENTAL POISONING, DAMAGE DRAINS AND POLLUTE OUR WATER.

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS.

Free. Safe. Convenient. Responsible. Saturday • April 30, 2016 • 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all our winners:

2015

| April | 18520 Park Grove | |
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| May | 4230 Lawngate | |
| June | 4020 Seabury Drive | |
| July | 4104 Firebrick | |
| August | 4024 Kentshire | |
| September | 4056 Seabury | |
| October | 4119 Cedarview | |
| November | 4103 Cedarview | |
| December | 4115 Kentshire | |
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Here are some "Timely Tips" for gardening in May, provided by Calloway's Nursery:

Remember Mother's Day is May 8th! Moms of all ages would love something garden related as a gift. Instead of the usual vase of cut flowers, plan ahead and give that special person a naturallyinspired bouquet that changes with seasons, a beautiful Container Creation. See a store for details.

May is the perfect time to include some Summer flowering plants like Marigolds and Periwinkle. You'll find a beautiful selection of annuals and perennials to give you lots of vibrant color.

Pinch back growth of newly planted annual and perennial plants. This results in shorter, compact plants with more flowers. Allow the foliage of Daffodils and other Spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.

Spread a second application of preemergent for crabgrass and grass. Fertilize lawns with a final feeding before Summer. Fertilize roses every 4-6 weeks and control black spot with a systemic fungicide. Feed trees & shrubs with Calloway's 16-8-8 Tree and Shrub Food.