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RPHOA

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For information on upcoming events visit our website:

<u>http://</u> regencyparkdallas.com/

Community Emergency Response Team

Do you want to help your neighbors during a major emergency? Do you want to protect your family before and after severe weather? Do you want to learn basic medical and survival skills that you can apply to everyday life? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, CERT training may be right for you!

I recently answered yes to all of these questions so I decided to take the Dallas CERT Training Program in May. The time I spent was rewarding and the information and skills I learned are invaluable. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. It is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their trained quick actions can make a difference.

CERT was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. Since then, it has grown into a nationally recognized Program that is supported by FEMA and works with other programs such as Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The course took two and a half days to complete (I attended class two consecutive Saturdays and one Sunday morning). During this time, I learned how to: prepare myself, my family, and my home for an emergency, manage utilities and put out small fires, potentially save lives by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock, provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims safely, and organize myself and others to be effective. It was also a great opportunity to meet others who were as interested in helping their families and neighborhoods as I am.

Training is free and Dallas CERT offers classes throughout the year. You can find more information at www.DallasCERT.com & at www.FEMA.gov/Community-Emergency-Response-Teams.

Written by Ehren Stewart

Calendar of Events

A special thanks to all of our neighbors who run, host and support these events.

Board Meetings: See page 3 for details.

Moms Meetup: Last summer we had a lot of fun participating in Purposeful Play Dates. This summer Holly Hatton will be coordinating casual play dates where moms and kids will meet at various locations in the neighborhood. RSVP to Holly, hollyh@gmail.com so we know to look for you. Locations TBD.

We will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of August @ 10AM

Bunco ~ TBD

Oktoberfest $5K \sim Sept. 21st$

Reading Group ~ will begin on Sept. 26th @ Corner Bakery: 4805 Frankford

In October: Community Garage Sale & Fundraiser ~ Oct. 5th

Annual Block Party \sim Oct. 19^{th}



Summer Air Pollution Action

Ever wonder about Air Pollution? Air Pollution "Action (Watch) Day Alerts" are accessible for DFW residents via <u>AirNorthTexas.org</u>. Any rating over an "orange" level is considered a risk. Residents in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas are urged to take caution on days when there is high levels of pollution in the air.

AirNorthTexas.org advises that children, older senior citizens and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity if air quality reaches Level Orange.

Further, if air quality reaches Level Red, everyone should limit pro-

longed outdoor exertion. Tips for ways to help limit air pollution are provided from Air-NorthTexas.org as well.

Here are some of their examples of things you can do to help improve air quality this summer...Challenge yourself to committing to clean air.

Carpool or vanpool

Bike or walk instead of driving

Take mass transit such as <u>DART</u>, <u>The T</u>, or <u>DCTA</u>

Report smoking vehicles

Observe the speed limit

Avoid idling

Combine trips

Keep your vehicle maintained by getting it inspected, keeping tires properly inflated and changing filters regularly.



View the Updated RPHOA Website!

Big changes have occurred online. The Regency Park Dallas Website: http:// regencyparkdallas.com/, has revamped its look.

Check out the new design and latest updates on our Website! You can view current events, visit other useful links, become a member, and more.





We're Searching for Volunteers

There has been an increase in trash accumulating along Frankford and Midway Roads. This has been a burden to our lawn crew as they have to pick this up before mowing. This is not in their scope of work. The Board would like to propose biweekly trash pick-up days by our residents before we look to outsource this task. If you would like to volunteer to walk these two areas and help us pick-up trash,

please contact Fernando at the e-mail below. This is a great opportunity to teach environmental stewardship and community action to our youths who may be able to serve as well. We can provide trash bags and gloves.

Thank you for considering to serve our community in this way!

E-mail: rpd75287@ymail.com



Neighborhood Happenings

What's the haps in the neighborhood? Lots!

Over Memorial Day, volunteers helped distribute American flags to every lawn in Regency Park. A big thanks to all volunteers and special thanks to Julie Wilson for ordering the flags and preparing the Memorial message attached to each of them.



The Block Captains of Seabury, Beth Moore and Fernando Ochoa, along with

volunteers, hosted an Ice Cream social in early June for their block.







Did you know?... On an ongoing basis, RPHOA members partake in a 'Firemen's Feast', preparing and delivering meals to our local Fire Station. This monthly program builds community strength by serving those who serve us! This event is coordinated by Block Captains. To get involved, please contact the Board, rpd75287@ymail.com.





Any active member can attend Board meetings. Board meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Locations are on a "to be determined" basis. Also, some meetings are subject to rescheduling due to holidays. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact the Board. For upcoming dates and locations, e-mail: rpd75287@ymail.com.

Do you have an idea for a future community event?

Would you like to be involved in the planning process?

Perhaps you have a fundraising idea or would you like to participate in raising funds for our HOA? If so, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you. Feel free to contact members of our Events Committee: Holly Hatton, hollyh@gmail.com and/or Vanessa Stewart, vlucero26@gmail.com. Please refer to RPHOA in the subject of your e-mail. Thank you!

Community Garage Sale & Fundraiser

Saturday, October 5th, from 7AM-1PM, Regency Park will hold its second annual Community Garage Sale, rain or shine. RPHOA will advertise at the entrances as well as on-line. If you will be participating, the RPHOA will be distributing balloons to identify your residence as having a sale. You may pick up the balloons the morning of the sale at 6:45 AM in front of 4016 Seabury Dr.

If you would like to donate items for the HOA to sell, please email rpd75287@ymail.com. This money goes directly back to Regency Park. Last year the HOA was able to raise almost \$150 despite the rain.

If you would like to volunteer to work the event or help with set-up/take down, please email rpd75287@ymail.com.

See <u>http://dallascityhall.com/</u>
<u>code compliance/</u>
Com-

mon Code Violations.html#GarageS ales for more information regarding city guidelines regarding yard sales.

The RPHOA holds no liability for those who do not read and adhere to the Dallas City Code.

28th Annual Wipe Out Kids' Cancer Oktoberfest Run for the Children

Where & When

Saturday, September 21, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. I Mile Fun Run/Walk
- 8:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
- 8:45 II:00 a.m. Entertainment, Food, Drinks, Awards & Prizes
- I 1:00 a.m. Participant's early entrance to Oktoberfest carnival rides
- 12:00 noon Oktoberfest opens to the public

Addison Circle Park (4970 Addison Circle Drive, Addison, Texas)

Join our team & have fun for a good cause

Regency Park HOA has created a team for the Oktoberfest 5K to wipe out kids' cancer on Saturday, September 21st (WOKC Oktoberfest Run for the Children).

If you are interested in carpooling, please RSVP to our team captain Kim Bolos at: boloskj@hotmail.com, (214) 315-7539. For those who can stay, we will remain in Addison Circle following the run/walk to socialize and participate in the entertainment, drinks, food and early entrance to the carnival rides at the Addison Oktoberfest. You do not have to run/walk to participate. You can register with the team as a virtual runner or simply donate under Regency Park HOA. When registering select "Regency Park HOA".

Come for the run or come for the fun! The whole family is welcome to participate.

For complete details on the event, visit: http://oktoberfest5k.com







Meet the Faces of the Board

The following is a list of our Directors and Officers for the term July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014.

The Board of Directors

Kimberly Bolos
Jack Birkner
Malcolm Clarrissimeaux
Sheila Collins
Carter Hatton
Fernando Ochoa
Ehren Stewart

Officers

President, Kimberly Bolos
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Clarrissimeaux
Treasurer, Carter Hatton,
Assistant Treasurer, Ehren Stewart
Secretary, Sheila Collins



Left to Right: Ehren, Malcolm, Kim, Carter, & Sheila

Appointed Committee Chairs:

Beautification Committee,
Fernando Ochoa
Communications Committee, Ehren
Stewart
Events Committee, TBD (Holly
Hatton - Block Party; Vanessa
Stewart - Fundraising)

Thank you to all who serve!

Membership Committee, Julie Wilson Safety and Security Committee, Arnold Gendelman



Regency Park Real Estate Update

Home prices in our area (North Dallas) HAVE INCREASED 36% in the past year.

Three homes are currently listed for sale:

4003 Lawngate Dr.

4004 Scabury Dr. SOLD!

4116 Seabury Dr.

There recently was 1 home for lease: 4108 Seabury Dr. LEASED!

There have been 4 homes sold in the last 6 months for an average price of \$241,000 and averaging \$93 - \$118 a sq. foot.

Above Information provided by Julie Wilson

Below Source: Real Estate Center for NTREIS. © 2010. Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University ~ for Year to Date:

Area Name: Addison/North Dallas	Area	Sales	% Change Year Ago	Dollar Volume	% Change Year Ago	Average Price	% Change Year Ago	Median Price	% Change Year Ago	Days on Market	% Change Year Ago
75287	10	843	30%	\$305,332,071	40%	\$362,197	8%	\$318,000	15%	53	-20%

Watering Restrictions Still in Effect

The City of Dallas has set forth the annual watering restrictions starting in April. Though watering by hand, drip irrigation, and the use of soaker hoses will be permitted at any time, the use of automatic sprinkler systems is subject to the twice a week watering schedule that will be lifted in late October.

If the last digit of your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) you are allowed to water on Sundays and Thursdays. If the last digit of your address ends with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) you may water on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Water conservation ordinance requirements include not watering during any form of precipitation.

Please be advised that violations of these outdoor watering guidelines can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning (based on information from Dallas City Hall). For more information, go to:

http://savedallaswater.com/twiceweekly-watering-schedule/

Local Schools

For those new to our area, or just curious about local schools, we are part of PISD, the Plano Independent School District. Mitchell Elementary, Shepton Middle School and Plano West High School are the local schools for residents of Regency Park.

New Student Registration begins in August for all grade levels:

Elementary Schools (PreK-5) – Aug. 12 & 13

Middle Schools (6-8) - Aug. 8, 9 & 12

High Schools (9-10) – Aug. 5, 6 & 7

Senior High Schools (11-12) – contact school for appointment For more information visit:

http://www.pisd.edu/



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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.regencyparkdallas.com

&

Facebook Group, Regency Park I & II

Homeowner's Association,

Inc., Dallas

Practice the S to fight the West Nile virus.

- 1. At **DUSK** and **DAWN**, stay indoors. This is the time of day that mosquitoes are most active.
- 2. Dress in long sleeves and pants, loose and light colored clothing when you go outside.
- **3. DEFEND** yourself by using insect repellent. Follow label instructions.
- **4. DRAIN** standing water in your yard. Empty all flower pots, bird baths, and wading pools.

Call 311 to report standing water.

DallasCityHall.com



Membership Drive Update

Please consider joining and supporting the Regency Park HOA for July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014.

Dues were due by July 1st, 2013, but if you haven't joined or renewed, please do so without delay!

The Board and its volunteers work to maintain the neighborhood entrances as well as the bordering wall and city right-of-ways. Keep in mind, if we do not maintain the wall, the City will tear it down and assess every house. We foster a better sense of community by keeping neighbors connected via internet, social media, email, and mailers, as well as hosting several community events throughout the year. We work to keep our neighborhoods safe and secure through Crime

Watch and relationships with the Dallas Police, Dallas Fire, and bordering HOAs, and we partner with local businesses to solicit support for our neighborhood. All these things improve our quality of life in addition to furthering the value of our homes and increasing the desirability to live in Regency Park. We are not an organization that has created regulations for our homeowners beyond what the city has mandated for all homeowners regardless of association. Unlike other associations, we do not create nor enforce association regulations on owning or maintaining your home.

Regency Park I& II Homeowners Association is a legal 501(c)4 nonprofit corporation. We were created to provide pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit services or activities for its members. By forming an organization the neighborhood was able to resurrect the wall which adds value, privacy and security to all homes in our neighborhood. The organization is 100% voluntary and relies upon the continued financial support and activism of its members. Please consider joining today. HOA fees typically cost hundreds of dollars per year; however, we have been able to maintain our dues at the cost of \$75 for the year.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE JOIN

