

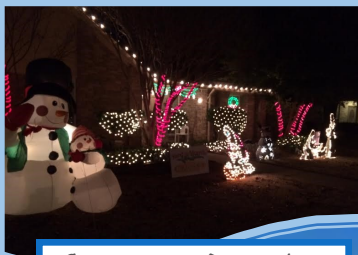
# R P H O A

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER!**

Please see back page of newsletter for an important message and special thanks!



Congrats to December Yard of the Month on Seabury

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## Regency Park Updates

Wall Assessment

In January an outside contractor was brought in to Regency Park to inspect and assess the condition of our bordering brick walls. Overall, the walls are found to be in excellent condition and needing no immediate repair unless cosmetic improvements were desired. The majority of the wall was built on an excellent foundation. Another plus is that these are double walls, vs. single, which are very strong and durable. There are cracks that can be seen in places and these are a result of the columns settling over time. However, these do not pose a significant structural risk. Crumbling walls are an indicator for immediate

repair and we show no signs of this. In some areas the grout is starting to come out. This is not a result of structural damage, but rather an indication of areas where the reinforcing steel was installed too closely to the edge. This is another added feature not often included in walls of our size, which adds strength and durability.

There are a few places where the contractor suggested we re-secure certain loose pieces of the brick and concrete. The Board will move forward to complete this as the weather improves. There are also a couple of small sections the contractor advised we might want to personally inspect every 1 to 5 years as a proactive

measure.

Although the wall is found to be in excellent condition, an estimate was requested for replacing a 21-foot section. The Board will review this and vote on the amount of reserve we would like to maintain for future wall repairs. Stay tuned for more updates regarding this after the Board meets in March.



This photo was taken at Midway & Trinity Mills in December. We need to maintain and reserve funds for repairs in case of instances like this!

## Calendar of Events

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

**Board Meetings:** March 11

*Annual Meeting* will be in April. Date To Be Determined.

**Ladies Bunco:** February 20th at 7:00 PM

RSVP to boloskj@hotmail.com



Check out our Website For a coupon to Calloway's

# Regency Park Updates Cont'd

## Entrance Lighting

The HOA Board has been working hard to solicit and complete suggested community improvement projects as submitted by your Block Captains, Committee Chairs, and Officers. Due to increased membership, fundraising, and monitored spending we now have enough money to move ahead. The Board has voted and approved the installation of electricity at our two main entrances. This would allow us to install up-lighting and other features to improve curb appeal, inviting residents and guests to Regency Park. Stay tuned for more details!!

## Other Updates

Things have been going well here in Regency Park over the past few months. After the Holiday break the Board resumed business as usual. There are no significant crimes to report in our neighborhood. There was one act of vandalism & criminal mischief on 12/1 along with three BMV's (Burglary of Motor Vehicle) between 12/14 and 2/2. Please continue to lock your doors at night, park in the garage when possible, and do not leave valuables in your vehicle. The majority of BMV's are preventable by proactive measures. A Board meeting was held February 6<sup>th</sup> as well, however a quorum did not exist to conduct

business.

At last year's April Annual Board Meeting Sandy Greyson communicated that we may be able to receive liability insurance for the walls through the city as the policy is required by the city. After many months of hard work, the Board has successfully submitted the needed documentation and we are now officially in the 'review stage'. If approved, this carrier switch may save us up to \$800 per year. Please stay tuned as we continue to work with the City of Dallas Risk Management Department-



## Street Lights

Your Regency Park Homeowners Board of Directors recently undertook a project to fix and improve many of the street lights in our neighborhood. First, volunteers performed a visual inspection of every street light, checking for lights with broken glass, leaning/dented poles, and bulbs that didn't work properly. With this information, we visited Oncor's website for reporting street light issues: [www.OncorStreetLight.com](http://www.OncorStreetLight.com).

Oncor's website made the rest of the process so simple! There is a graphic map that shows each light pole that Oncor maintains. To request service, simply click on the location of the light pole that you want serviced. Then you can identify the type of issue you would like addressed and whether you want a response from Oncor. When the work is complete, Oncor will send you an email that describes what they did to fix the light pole.

During this project, volunteers identified 9 light poles that needed servicing. Most of the repairs were completed within one week! Oncor replaced 3 photocells and lamps, replaced 3 refractors, and straightened 3 poles.

By working together, it's easier than you think to make Regency Park shine!

[www.OncorStreetLight.com](http://www.OncorStreetLight.com)

## A Message from the Safety Committee

When reporting a crime or suspicious activity/persons, keep these tips in mind:

Keep North Central DPD Sub Station Phone Number handy: (214) 670-7253. Call them to report anything suspicious or ongoing incidents, especially and immediately

after calling 911.

Block Captains and residents should keep their mobile phone and/or camera on and ready to shoot evidence should they come across suspicious activity.

**NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, OPEN THE DOOR** for a suspicious indi-

vidual(s), even if you have a storm door – **KEEP IT LOCKED**—they can kick a storm door in.

When Calling 911 and the Substation...

(Story continued on pg 3).



Let's Report ALL Suspicious Activity!

# Tips for Late Winter Gardeners

Pruning is both an art and a necessary maintenance function. Most trees and shrubs can be lightly pruned at any time, however, mid-winter is generally the best time for major pruning.

Plants that flower in the spring produce their flower buds the previous growing season. They should be pruned immediately after flowering. Examples of these plants are Azalea, Carolina Jessamine and Wisteria.

Summer flowering plants generally bloom on new growth so they can be pruned in mid-winter to early spring. Examples are Crape Myr-

tle, Butterfly Bush, Spiraea and Honeysuckle. Never top a Crape Myrtle. Prune to remove seed heads, to thin out or to remove damaged branches or ones which are rubbing together.

Shade trees, evergreen shrubs and groundcovers should be pruned in mid-winter. Pruning paint is not necessary unless you are pruning Oak trees during the growing season.

February is the best time for pruning most Roses. Remove any old and diseased canes then cut re-



maintaining canes back by 50 percent. Make your cuts are above a bud that faces away from the center of the plant. Remove spent blooms on bush roses and you will get more flowers later in the season. Prune climbing roses after they finish blooming in the spring.

Trim back perennials and ornamental grasses before the new growth appears in spring. Clean up around the plants and mulch well to protect them.

Tips brought to you by Calloway's Nursery

<http://www.calloways.com/>

## Website Update - Protect your pet

Our Website now features a "Regency Park Pets" page. If you have a pet, please use this page to help ensure your pet's safety. This page contains an online form that will post a description of your pet(s) and your contact information. Neighbors can use this information in the event of a home emergency and/or if your pet ever gets loose.

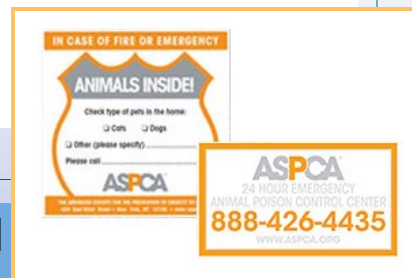
Check out this new page at:

[http://www.regencyparkdallas.com/regency\\_park\\_pets](http://www.regencyparkdallas.com/regency_park_pets)

Also, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, ASPCA, offers free pet safety packs for the home. The kit includes a window cling to place in the home indicating how many and what kind of pets to look for in the event of a home emergency.

Sign up to get a free pack sent to you at this ASPCA link:

[https://www.asPCA.org/form/free-pet-safety-pack?ms=wb\\_rig\\_homepage-generallarge-201307&initialms=wb\\_rig\\_homepage-generallarge-201307](https://www.asPCA.org/form/free-pet-safety-pack?ms=wb_rig_homepage-generallarge-201307&initialms=wb_rig_homepage-generallarge-201307)



## A Message from the Safety Committee Cont'd

### Be Ready

Be Brief – The officers are trying to understand your words while writing and sending at the same time....

Be Calm – BREATHE—

Be Aware of what to do;

Describe the perpetrator(s): their clothes and vehicle as best you can

Call 911 immediately

Call the Substation, (214) 670-7253

First: SAY YOUR NAME, Address, ZIP CODE, Cross Street and Phone Number.

### DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT.

Remember: 911 and the DPD North Central Substation DO NOT RECOGNIZE "REGENCY PARK" as a location.

Be Timely. Don't hesitate to report something "fishy".



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[www.regencyparkdallas.com](http://www.regencyparkdallas.com)

&

[Facebook Group, Regency Park I & II](#)

[Homeowner's Association,](#)

[Inc., Dallas](#)

Firemen's Feast is still in effect. About every month or so volunteers coordinate and deliver a complete meal to our brave firefighters at our local Fire Station 10. If you or your block would like to get together and feed our first responders, please let the Board or your Block Captain know. Unsure of who your Block Captain is? Reach out to us and we can connect you.

Recently, some kind neighbors on Seabury made a chicken dinner meal with a dessert of fresh fruit and apple pie for Fire Station 10. This was on a particularly cold day that kept the Fire Station Shift 'A' busy due to the inclement weather. The Shift was very appreciative.



Thank you to our neighbors who volunteered to cook and deliver the goods.



## President's Corner ~ Important Message!

For me, it is hard to believe it is 2014 already!! When I was asked in 2012 to serve on the Board and eventually as an Officer I wasn't sure what the job entailed. My New Year's resolution for 2011 was to be more outgoing and proactive in meeting new people, which was a challenge at the time being a newer stay-at-home mom of a newborn. I thought serving at home with the HOA would be a perfect fit!

I began my term in 2012 with the goal of breathing new life into the HOA. With an excellent team of volunteers I believe we have done just that! Now it is time to pass the torch once again. I will be stepping down as President this coming July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. More importantly, I firmly believe new leadership is necessary for the HOA to continue as our neighborhood evolves. Should the members approve, I would like to remain on the Board to actively support the incoming President of 2014-2015.

The past two terms of Directors and

Officers have stream-lined the process of serving to make serving easier for ourselves and future volunteers. Our record keeping and document storage and retrieval has greatly improved by utilizing new technologies. Our website has been revamped and is successfully up and running. We are now regularly using social media to communicate. These are just a few of the many ways we have organized the Board to take the 'work' out of serving.

It is important to note that we **must** have a HOA to fulfill our contractual obligation with the city. The contract was created to allow our bordering wall to be built on the city right of way.

Would you please consider volunteering? The Board meets monthly for an hour and a half excluding December. In addition, we decide as a team what projects we have the availability to take on so no person is forced to serve beyond his or her availabilities. No

experience is necessary... living in the neighborhood and being an HOA member qualifies you to serve.

The following are positions available for the 2014-2015 term:

Board of Director

Office of President (Board of Director)

Office of Assistant Secretary (Board of Director)

Newsletter Assistant

Events Coordinator

*Thank you to the dozen of volunteers who I have served with! I look forward to meeting even more neighbors in the coming year.*

Sincerely, Kim Bolos

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