

R P H O A

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Welcome our newest RPHOA members:

Carson & Logan

Born October 22nd!



CONGRATULATIONS

...to new parents

Brad & Christine

Firemen's Feast

As part of the Block Captain's kick-off meeting in March, the HOA asked Dallas Fire Station 10 how we, Regency Park, could best serve and support them. Their response - food! The Block Captains quickly approved the idea of a Firemen's Dinner, which began in May of this year.

Beth Moore, Block Captain for Seabury Dr., has led this charge, renaming the on-going service project Firemen's Feast. Beth reported, in May "we provided an Italian meal. This meal consisted of two types of lasagna; beef and spinach, salad, French bread and chocolate covered cherry brownies. The meal came together with the help of five different neighbors on Seabury who contributed. This happened to fall on a date that the B-Shift was working. We fed 10 men/women and they were quite thrilled with the meal. At that time, I told them [Seabury Dr.] would furnish meals August, November and next February. This past August, we provided a Mexican themed meal to the A-shift. Again, we had a meat and

veggie main course; chicken enchiladas and cheese enchiladas. Also we brought sides of: rice, beans, chips, guacamole, salsa, and two desserts (a cake and some bars). This was done by six neighbors. " In the month of October the generous residents on Kentshire Lane provided a meal and on November 7th Seabury Dr. provided a BBQ dinner.

The vision of the project is to connect residents on each street through acts of service. There are 10 streets in Regency Park and the challenge is for each street to bring its residents together to coordinate at least one meal a year for DFD Station 10. If you would like to get your street involved in future Firemen's Feasts and provide meals to our local Firefighters, please contact the RPHOA Board; rpd752872@gmail.com. Beth Moore is also willing to provide information on the 'ins and outs' of the project; bmoore61@sbcglobal.net.

A tremendous thanks to Beth for growing the project and to



Mexican Theme Dinner Night ~ Shift A

all our neighbors who have been a part of its success!! At this year's Block Party, Station 10 brought a Ladder Truck, which is not often brought to Show and Tell events. Councilwoman Sandy Greyson even commented, "How did you get a ladder truck?!". In later conversation Sandy learned from the Firemen about what our residents are doing for them and how much it meant. Station 10 wanted to do something special to thank us in return.

Please help us to keep this wonderful project going!

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Calendar of Events ~ Holiday Hiatus

Some of our usual events are taking a hiatus for the Holidays. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones.

Coming in January, there is a special Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) Training. This event is hosted by Dallas Police. See back page for details on this opportunity.



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Neighborhood Happenings

A lot has happened in Regency Park since our last newsletter was sent out. Here are some highlights of past events.



On September 21st a small team of Regency Park residents and friends walked the 1 mile Fun Run in support of the organization Wipe Out Kids' Cancer. Wipe Out Kids' Cancer (WOKC) is a Dallas based non-profit founded in 1980 to raise awareness and funding for childhood cancer research. It was a beautiful day that benefited a won-

derful cause! Thank you Ehren and Vanessa Stewart, Kim Bolos, Cathy Faber and Ashley Wilson for your support!

Attention Runners:

If you are a runner and would like to form a group or team in support of an upcoming event, please email rp752872@ymail.com to learn more on how we can help!

Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, October 5th Regency Park held a community garage sale and fundraiser. We were able to raise more money in less time as we made

improvements to the event based upon last year's feedback. With better weather (though, it still rained in the early afternoon) and greater donations and participation we were able to raise almost \$250. Almost all donated items were sold! Thank you to all who participated by holding their own sale and a special thank you to the folks who made donations and/or worked the HOA fundraiser! It was a success!!



Block Party



This year's annual block party, held at the West end of Seabury on October 19, was big hit for all ages. Attendees enjoyed, pizza, popcorn, s'mores, games & fellowship! The planning committee was able to project a movie onto a big screen for family fun. If you were unable to attend, please be sure to be a part of the fun next year. The date will be determined at a later date and time.

Special Thanks

In the spirit of giving thanks, the Board would like to thank the following individuals for their support of this year's event, be it financially, and/or with their time, talents and resources. Without their involvement, the Block Party would not have been possible. Thank you!!!!

Sandy Greyson, Dallas City Councilwoman

Presence Church, Carrollton,
www.presencechurch.tv

Holly, Carter and Caroline Hatton

James,
Tracy, Carson & Cooper Croteau

Kim and JR Bolos

Ehren and Vanessa Stewart

Janna Birkner

Julie Wilson

Barb Kabat

Fernando Ochoa

Beth Moore

Nancy Bolos

Steven and Melody Kirlin

Betty Oliver

Dallas Fire Department

If you know of a neighbor that has gone above and beyond and we have failed to recognize them, please let us know!!! We want to include them in our next issue! Thank you- RPHOA Board

In Recognition

Please patronize these businesses who helped make our 2013 Annual Block Party a success!!

Egg and I (Park & Midway)

Kroger (Frankford & Midway)

Walgreens (Frankford & Midway)

Applebee's (Frankford & Marsh)

Napoli's Gourmet Pizza (Midway & Rosemeade/I190)

Yogurtland - (Frankford & Tollroad)



Neighbors Gathering Increases Sense of Community

Even if its for Happy Hour!

The past few months neighbors have been meeting to socialize and get to know each other. These Happy Hour events normally take place mid-week, from 6pm to 8pm, at a local restaurant or restaurant/bar. Information from recent RPHOA Board Meetings is shared, but these are truly SOCIAL events. Typically an email is sent about a week prior to the Happy Hour and everyone is welcome to show up for the whole time or just drop in for a quick chat.

If you'd like to join us for the next Happy Hour and haven't received the past emails, send us an email to RPD75287@gmail.com and we will add you to the distribution list.



Interested in hosting or have an event idea?

We'd love to hear from you.

Contact the Board at
RPD75287@gmail.com

Ladies Tea

On Sunday November 10th, Betty Oliver hosted the 6th Annual Ladies Tea. This was a great opportunity for women from both the Country Brook area and Regency park to get together. It was nice to see some of the new faces to the neighborhood and catch up with those that have been around



the community longer.

Thanks to all who were able to come and socialize. It is great getting to know your neighbors. Thank you to Betty for hosting such a lovely gathering. Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes and congrats to the lucky winners.

We hope to see you all next year. Until then, Happy and Safe Holidays to you and your families.



Community Cookbook

An idea came to light to create and print an RPHOA Community Cookbook. The idea is to raise funds and have a fun memento for those who participate and purchase a book. This idea is in the recipe-submission phase. With enough interested neighbors, we can create a beautiful Cookbook full of favor-

ite recipes, some of which might be family classics in your home.



These books would contain photos and recipes from neighbors who

submit entries. The books would cost anywhere between \$19-25.00. This would cover the cost of printing and delivery. Also, we will raffle a copy of a book for all participants who submit entries. If you are interested, please contact Vanessa Stewart,

vcstewart26@gmail.com.

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[Homeowner's Association,](#)

[Inc., Dallas](#)

Coming in January, there is a special Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) Training.

This event is hosted by Dallas Police.

This training will allow those in attendance to catch up on the latest techniques, laws, rules, procedures and practices. The training will teach you how to observe, remember, enhance your visionary powers, widen your mind, and stay out of trouble. You will be amazed at what you can miss, even when you think you are being observant. The trainers show the differences and contradictions between the right and wrong way of "Forensic Observation and Reporting---doing the correct thing while staying out of trouble.". Participants will graduate, certificated as a card carrying Dallas Police Volunteer In Patrol. This entitles and enables you to report anywhere in Texas and other States responding to 911 calls. Responding properly allows law enforcement and emergency personnel to come equipped to a scene with the correct equipment to assist the injured faster.

Join in on **Saturday, January 25th from 8 AM to 2 PM** at:

DALLAS POLICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (North Central) TEAM | 6969 McCallum | Dallas | TX | 75252

North Central Patrol Division / CEU

(214) 671-3015



Fire Safety in the Home

National Fire Prevention Week is observed annually in the U.S. during whatever week contains October 9. This year, Fire Prevention Week was October 6-12. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, the kitchen is where most home fires start. In fact, cooking equipment, like a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries. For tips on fire prevention in the kitchen, please visit: http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/cooking.shtm

In addition to knowing where fires in the home are most likely to start, The National Fire Prevention Association emphasizes the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home, as smoke alarms save lives.

According to research, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Here are some tips and information on smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 year old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.
- An ionization alarm with a hush button or a photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement in addition to the usual alarm sound, are helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices use strobe lights. Vibration devices can be added to these alarms

The City of Dallas is offering free smoke alarms to Dallas residents. Please check out how you can get one at DallasCityNewsroom.com vimeo.com/76372852