

Regency Park

We hope you've enjoyed reading RPHOA news! The newsletter will begin its intended quarterly publication with the next issue going out after the New Year. Information regarding upcoming events and other will continue to be communicated via Facebook and email.

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The Security Committee at a glance; then and now.

VIP Program

RPHOA has been an active participant in the Volunteers in Patrol program (VIP) through the Dallas Police Department (DPD). VIP is a non-confrontational program designed to reduce crime. Volunteers receive training provided by the DPD on recognizing suspicious activity and how to report it. Trained individuals, in pairs of two, then patrol the neighborhood in their own vehicles reporting back to the DPD. This program has currently stalled due to a lack of volunteers but the Board would like to see it continue if possible. The increase in contact with the DPD has increased the police presence in our neighborhood which, in turn, has reduced crime. If you are interested in helping maintain the VIP program in Regency Park, please email Arnold Gendelman at rpd75287@ymail.com.



iWatch Dallas, "I watch Dallas. Do you?"

Understanding that many of us have numerous commitments and limited time to volunteer, the RPHOA plans to introduce a similar program that is also in conjunction with the DPD. iWatch Dallas is a community awareness program that educates the community about suspicious activity & criminal

behavior. Citizens are provided numerous convenient new reporting methods to provide tips and leads to police.

RPHOA hopes to hold an educational seminar in the upcoming months. The seminar will not only touch on the iWatch program but will include crime specific information and training geared toward Regency Park. If we each maintain a level of alertness and have the knowledge of what to do when, our security and safety will be maintained. There is strength in numbers... "If you see something, say something."

*Information taken directly from www.dallaspolice.net/iwatchdallas

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011-2012 VIP TRAINED MEMBERS FOR YOUR SERVICE:

Ralph Barnaby, Ray Croteau, Michael Watson, Stuart Kaplan, Judy Pulice and Arnold Gendelman



Community Spotlight

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 29th from 7AM-12PM, Regency Park will be having a community garage sale. For information regarding the city guidelines please see:

http://www.dallascityhall.com/code_compliance/garage_sales.html.

RPHOA will advertise at the entrances on the HOA owned walls as well as on-line. You may advertise on your property as well (please see above link for sign guidelines).

If you will be hosting a garage sale, the RPHOA will be distributing balloons to be used as a marker for those participating homes. You may pick up a balloon that morning at 6:45am in front of 4016 Seabury Dr.

Also, if you would like to donate items for the HOA to sell please email rpd75287@ymail.com. All proceeds will go to the RPHOA and will be used for wall maintenance and/or community events.

Note: A \$15 permit may be required. This can be obtained on-line using the link above or at a Dallas Library. Please see above link and/or contact the city for questions or details. RPHOA holds no liability for those who do not read and adhere to the Dallas city code.

THE VENETIAN IS OPEN!

The Theater/Bar and Grill has opened! Now playing:

- The Expendables 2
- ParaNorman (also showing in 3D)
- The Possession
- Resident Evil: Retribution (also showing in 3D)

Please see <http://venetiantheaters.com> for showtimes and theater menu.



Did you Know?

FACEBOOK 101

Regency Park has re-entered the world of social media by creating the HOA's first ever Facebook (FB) Group. This article is for those who are unfamiliar with Facebook or who have never participated in a FB Group.

Facebook is a website for anyone to use with the generalized purpose of socializing with one another via the internet. If you have a Facebook account (this is free) you may join the Regency Park Facebook Group (which is also free). This can be done by using the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/101417740003367/>

Members request to join and the Board allows or denies admittance into the group based on paid membership within the HOA. Only those who have been accepted into the group can view its contents allowing the utmost privacy. Any group member may make posts (add personal writings to the site i.e., 'lost dog found...', or share website links i.e., 'see link for discount tickets to the Venetian Theater'). The Board may also post documents to the site, i.e. a monthly newsletter, and populate the groups calendar with event information, i.e. Garage Sale Sept. 29, for all members view. Based on your settings you may receive post notifications via email. Otherwise, you will view these posts when you log-on to the site. Also, there is a free phone application you may download to allow you to access the site on-the-go or to receive alerts on your phone.

If you are new to Facebook, we advise that you review your account settings and setup your security and privacy selections. You may allow anyone to view your account or you may only allow those you've approved. You may allow friends to write on your wall or allow no-one. There are numerous settings to choose from that will allow you to create the type of account you desire.

Facebook is a great tool to allow members to instantly communicate with one another on a variety of topics to include security alerts, lost pets, *(continued page 3)*



Serving Regency Park

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

•If you have a local business and can donate services or product for our upcoming October Block Party, we want to hear from you!

•We need volunteers to assist with event planning, the newsletter, security, Yard of the Month and fundraising. Whatever time you can give is perfect! No experience necessary. All we ask is for a willingness to serve and have fun!

•RPHOA is looking for volunteers to help us maintain the website and assist with its upgrade. If you have web experience, please contact us today!

Please contact rpd75287@ymail.com or Kimberly Bolos, (214) 315-7539.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank the following Regency Park HOA members for donating above and beyond. Thank you for your generous support!!!

Donation

Robert Armstrong - Frankford/Voss entrance sprinklers and landscape watering
Anonymous - Alley fence



If you know of a neighbor that has gone above and beyond and we have failed to recognize him/her, please let us know!!! We will include them in an upcoming issue. Thank you!

Helpful Information

Solicitors and Scams - What to do?

Recently we've had a string of individuals and groups roam the neighborhood soliciting donations in exchange for purchase of a product. This is not uncommon in our neighborhood and other neighborhoods across the metroplex and nation. Unfortunately, a majority of these individuals are participants in a scam. Google 'door to door magazines dallas, tx' and read about a common scam police reported to our Board at the North Dallas Neighborhood Association (NDNA) meeting.

If you see suspicious individuals going door-to-door, please call 911. The police department has advised that we do this. The 911 dispatch will notify DPD who will then prioritize response to the call accordingly. Calling 911 is the only way to illicit a police response so please do not hesitate. This was done in one of the above mentioned instances by a RPHOA member and the DPD was able to respond quickly. The van holding a group of 'salesman' was questioned and then escorted out of the neighborhood.

While we advise that you do NOT answer the door to solicitors, it is important that you let them know you are home by turning on a light or asking who it is.

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- (1) no solicitation is allowed before 9am or after 30min following sunset Mon.-Sat.
- (2) no solicitation is allowed at any time Sun., New Year's Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas
- (3) no solicitation is allowed at homes displaying code compliant 'no solicitation' placards
- (4) while some cities require a permit, Dallas does not. Solicitation permits are required only in the case of charitable solicitations exempt from the code restrictions. Vendor permits may be required in some instances of door-to-door sales.

To read the Dallas City Code in its entirety please see <http://www.dallascityhall.org/html/codes.html>, select city code Volumes 1-3 and search 'solicitors'.

If you have not received a 'no solicitation' placard (door sticker) provided by the RPHOA, more will be made available, free of charge, to our members at the upcoming block party on October 20th.

RPHOA Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

20- Bunco Group 7:00PM, RSVP Diane at diane0153@sbcglobal.net

27- Reading Group 7:00PM Corner Bakery on Frankford, RSVP Judy at judy@police@sbcglobal.net

29- Community Garage Sale (CORRECTION! PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF DATE)

OCTOBER

4- Fox and Hound Social 6:30PM

20- Block Party (time and location TBD)

25- Reading Group 7:00PM Corner Bakery on Frankford, RSVP Judy at judy@police@sbcglobal.net

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FACEBOOK 101 cont'd...

community events, etc.

If this sounds of benefit to you, please consider joining today! If you are searching for the group, our official group name is: Regency Park I & II Homeowner's Association, Inc., Dallas.

Note: Please be advised that the social media site nextdoor.com, Regency Park HOA, was not initiated and is not maintained by the RPHOA. The site name has been corrected to reflect this. Thank you.