

# The Marlborough Messenger

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## President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone!! For most people, this is their favorite time of the year, so we hope you enjoy all your favorite celebrations, festivities, and quality time with your families.

This year has been a great year for Marlborough Square. Many exciting things took place; new light poles installed, MSNA sign toppers were added, a great July 4th party, a successful National Night Out, neighborhood yard sale, a new MSNA directory, entry way beautification, and repairs to the entry way curbs by the City. Thanks to all of you for volunteering in these events. Without your hard work and time,

none of this would be possible.

Our next event will be the first Marlborough Square Holiday Party, to be held on Thursday, December 5th. A flyer with all details has already been delivered to your house.



It has been a pleasure serving as your co-presidents this year. We look forward to a great and prosperous 2014 with many more Marlborough Square activities.

**Bill and Mary Beth Carpenter**  
Co-Presidents

## Holiday Dinner Party



**Where: Amigo's Restaurant**  
950 E. Belt Line Rd.



**When: Thursday, December 5th**  
6:30-8:30pm

The Marlborough Square Neighborhood Association invites you to a Holiday Dinner Party. Please join us in welcoming the holidays, our new neighbors, and the chance to visit, share stories, and make new memories. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring one wrapped gift with you to dinner, value not to exceed \$10. Please RSVP to [msnacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:msnacommunications@gmail.com). For questions call Sheryl Radman 972-863-9250.

**Buffet Menu: Chips, Salsa, Rice, Beans, Enchiladas, Tacos, Taco Salad, Beverage.**

**Cost: \$14 per person (including tax and tip)**

**Children's Meals: \$6 per child**

**Cash Bar**

**Door prizes for adults and children!**

## Many Hands Make Light Work

On Saturday, October 26, 15 Marlborough Square residents worked together to improve the appearance of the entryway at Forsythe Drive and Plano Road.

They trimmed existing plants, and planted new pansies, junipers, mondo grass, and liriope grass. They applied 22 bags of mulch, added a new sprinkler head, and upgraded the lighting. They added pumpkins, and finished by thoroughly cleaning the entire area.



ough Square Neighborhood Association and Daphne Self. The volunteers worked from 8:00 to 11:00 am, with much laughter and bonding.

The main planted area of the entryway is 120 feet long, and 15 feet wide, at the widest point.

To help with other fun neighborhood projects, contact Nick Robison, Communications

Chairman, at [msnacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:msnacommunications@gmail.com)

Drinks and snacks were provided by the Marlbor-

**By: Robert Sanford**

## Holiday Yard Decorating

**Entire Neighborhood** – We would like each home to decorate their front doors with a holiday wreath or ribbon and their center front sidewalk leading to your house with lights. You can use size C-9 or C-7 clear or white lights. Decorate as you wish. We will leave it up to you! It really makes the neighborhood look festive with all the lights and yard art. Our neighborhood is always one of the more festive, and it's wonderful to drive around to see all your efforts. Thank you all!



**Holiday Yards of the Month** - In December, six "Holiday" yards are selected as yards of the month – one from each street and then one "Best Holiday Home" for the entire neighborhood. For those families participating, please have all your decorations and lights in place by Sunday night, December 15, or earlier. Selections will take place Monday evening, December 16. Please have your lights lit up by 6:30 p.m.

### MSNA Directory

If you still have not picked up your MSNA directory, you can pick it up at the Holiday Party on December 5th. As a reminder, the Directory is a benefit of being a MSNA member and will ONLY be issued to 2013 MSNA members.

## Christmas Parade



Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, December 7th, for the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will travel north on Plano Road from Richardson Square to Apollo Road. Groups of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in this festive Richardson tradition! This year's theme is Candy Canes and Christmas Carols! For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chair Person, Barbara Cottone at [Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov](mailto:Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov).

## Neighborhood News

### Santa's Village

Santa's Village will open on Saturday, December 7 with a tree lighting ceremony. The village's hours are from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursdays thru Sundays until December 22. This free event is open to the public and put on by the City of Richardson Parks and Recreation department. Santa's Village is located on the north side of City Hall at 411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas, 75080 during the month of December.

### Springridge PTA

The Chick-fil-A "Spirit Night" provides a unique, creative way for us to raise money for our school. With the help of our local Chick-fil-A on Plano Road, we can raise support and funds fast - and have a great time in the process. Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the Month to help support SRE. Just place your Chick-fil-A receipt in the Spirit Night box on the counter OR tell the drive thru attendant and Springridge will receive credit for your purchase.

### Coyotes in the Neighborhood

Coyotes have been seen in the neighborhood. Please keep you small animals inside if possible. When it's necessary to take them outside, always keep them on a leash. Also, try to put your trash out the morning of trash pick-up so you are not accidently feeding the coyotes the night before. Furthermore, try to feed your pets inside and remove pet food from outside. If you do spot a coyote, please call COR Animal Services at 972-744-4480.

### Water Restrictions

The City of Richardson is now under Stage 3 Winter Water Restrictions. Watering is allowed on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at addresses that end in even numbers (2,4,6,8,0). It is permitted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at addresses that end in odd numbers (1,3,5,7,9). Watering is allowed any time of the day and residents are encouraged to skip watering if it rains within a couple days of a scheduled watering day.

### Trash & Recycling

As a reminder, trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays and recycling is collected on Thursdays in Marlborough Square. City Ordinance prohibits residents from allowing trash bags to be set/left out on days other than designated collection days. Brush and Bulky Item Collection is also on Thursdays and City code requires residents to request brush or bulky item collection service prior to placing an item out for collection. Call 972-744-4111 for pick-up.

### Berkner PTA

Berkner PTA needs your help! The Clothes Closet helps RISD pre-k - high school students in need by providing five days worth of gently worn, in-style, clothing and new toiletries for their use. Each student is also given new socks, underwear, athletic shoes, hat and gloves. Donations can be dropped off on Mondays from 9:30-11 am at 970 Security Row (one block north of Arapaho), Richardson, TX 75081.



## Winter Garden Tips

- ◆ Plant Spring bulbs
- ◆ Plant cool season annuals
- ◆ Plant or transplant trees & shrubs
- ◆ Prune trees
- ◆ Water in advance of freezes

# Season to Winterize



**Stop air leaks.** Use a leak detector and find where the drafts are coming from. Window-stripping and caulking won't take much effort or cost much, but can tighten up your home.

**Replace your furnace filter.** Changing your furnace filter on a regular basis will improve its air flow and can extend the life of your furnace. Furnace filters are either disposable or reusable. Reusable filters need to be washed each month.

**Insulate, insulate, insulate.** Most homes, especially older houses, have far too little insulation in the attic, causing most of the home's heat loss. Your attic needs at least one foot of insulation. If your attic falls short, add another layer.

**Check your pipes.** Wrapping your pipes not only helps reduce heat loss, but can increase your hot water temperature. This means you won't have to wait as long to take a shower, the hot water will be delivered faster and helps you conserve water. Most hardware stores have pipe foam that can easily be slid around your pipes. You would simply need to cut them and use duct tape to keep them in place.

**Clean your gutters.** Prevent ice dams from forming on your roof next spring by cleaning leaves and other debris out of your gutters each fall. When water backs up in a clogged gutter, it can put the water up into your roof, creating a build

## Taco Boulevard— *A Hidden Gem*

One of the best kept secrets in Richardson is Taco Boulevard. Taco Boulevard brands itself as “Mexico City Style cooking.” The concept of their food revolves around “street style foods” that a tourist or a local Mexican person would find in the streets of Mexico City. Most people always seem to remember the “hole in the wall” restaurants and street foods enjoyed while traveling. Now you can experience “Mexico” close to home, whenever you want.

At Taco Boulevard, the food is prepared from scratch daily using only the freshest ingredients. The owners take pride in providing hot, cooked to order food. Nothing is made in advance, as they will not compromise the authenticity of foods.

On the menu you will find a great selection of tacos, tortas, quesadillas, tostadas, and gorditas. They strongly believe that food should taste like it was meant to be, natural and with a lot of flavor!! There is no lard, no MSG, no additives or preservatives, just natural succulent vegetables and meats prepared daily. To rinse your food down, you can choose a fresh fruit drink such as Horchata or a Mexican Bottled Soda (tea, soda, water is also available).



Taco Boulevard is located at 1891 N. Plano Rd. (across from Soulman's BBQ). They are open Mon-Thu 7am– 8pm and Fri-Sat 7am-10pm.

## Board and Committees

### President

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Linda Hart  
**Stonecrest**– Norm and Beth  
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If you would like to advertise, submit an article or have a suggestion for the newsletter, contact Nick Robison at [msnacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:msnacommunications@gmail.com).

## Meet your Neighbor

Let's all welcome Marilyn Jones, 1505 Forsythe, to Marlborough Square.. Marilyn is a Texas native from San Antonio, Though she earned her B.A. in English and has a teaching certificate, she chose to make her living through accounting. She currently works at the First Baptist Church in downtown Dallas and serves as their Accounts Payable Coordinator.

Marilyn moved to Dallas in 1996 when she married her husband, a Vietnam Veteran, who passed away almost 7 years ago. After a few moves around the Metroplex, Marilyn has chosen to settle in Richardson. She loves Richardson and has already attended a city council meeting as well as other public venues.

She has two grown children, one son and one daughter, and enjoys spending time with her 6 grandchildren. Her new home has a pool and although she considers herself "a floater, not a swimmer", she looks forward to hosting many family birthday parties and cookouts. Marilyn has a Siamese mix kitty, Lady Di, who earned her name with her "regal looks and attitude".

Her likes include: Mexican food, neighborhood dives, traveling and everything she has seen of Richardson so far. Dislikes: Living where you must shovel snow, raw fish and heavily curried foods. Her hobbies include jewelry making, knitting, soldering, metal working, and a method of ring making called "wrapping". Wow! She does not consider herself creative, but rather "mechanically creative"....show her what to do and let her go!

## Richardson Dog Park

The City Council has expressed support for a proposed dog park on 6 acres near the President George Bush Turnpike west of US 75. . The proposed site is centrally located within Richardson and is accessible off the US 75 southbound frontage road. The preferred site for the proposed dog park is on right-of-way land owned by TxDOT that is occupied by PGBT and US 75. The proposed dog park will be constructed under the highway interchange west of US 75.

The \$1.4 million project could be ready to bid as early as spring 2014 with construction complete in the fall of 2014. The dog park is expected to feature several elements, including seating, waste disposal stations, water fountains and security lighting.

A dog park was listed as a high priority for Richardson residents in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, a system-wide plan for Richardson parks. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission visited several Metroplex dog parks in the past three years to develop a plan for a dog park in Richardson.

