

The Marlborough Messenger

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President's Message

Welcome to 2014. Did you make any New Year's resolutions?? And, have you broken any?? We hope everyone made it through the holidays, our recent cold weather and the pretty snow without any troubles. Before you know it Spring will be here, and our yards will start looking good again.



It is time for membership renewal, so let's try to get as many neighbors signed up as we can. You know we are a voluntary association and all membership funds are used for the benefit of the neighborhood. Membership is only \$40 a year. We have a well-maintained neighborhood that we should be proud of.

We are sorry we had to cancel our Holiday get together, however we hope to do something else very soon, so keep watching for a flyer. It may be combined with our annual meeting in March or April. Also, if you haven't picked up your new Directory, this would be a good time to do so. These are for members only.

Remember to always check our website: <http://marlboroughsquare.wordpress.com> for any news throughout the year.

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

Membership— Join us!

MSNA Membership Drive 2014 is underway! Marlborough Square Neighborhood Association is a voluntary neighborhood organization and membership is open to all Marlborough residents whether you are home owners or tenants. The purpose of the association is to assure the beauty, safety, and stability of the area and the surrounding community, to promote neighborliness and pride among the residents, and to form a base for representation in matters affecting the community.

Your MSNA dues help support the beautification of the neighborhood, social events, neighborhood directory, plus much, much more! **Membership dues are only \$40 a year.** We would like to thank those residents that chose to contribute more than the \$40 membership.

Help make Marlborough Square a beautiful, safe place to live and raise our families. See the Membership form at the end of the newsletter to join. **JOIN TODAY!**

Beautification

The Beautification Committee would like to thank all those involved in taking the time to make our neighborhood entry look so appealing this past Fall. This was a time shared fruitfully by caring neighbors. Another reason why our neighborhood is a great one!

The past holiday season was one met with some pretty harsh winter weather. Due to the extreme cold and its lengthy stay, we didn't have as high a number of participants in the holiday display of lights. However, we still had a beautiful showing of our holiday spirit. Our neighborhood still shines during that time. Thank you, all!!!

Once again, we, the committee members- Beth and Norm Wills, Myrna Cudlipp, Robert Sanford, Heidi Walsh, and Ruth Martin would like to thank all of you for caring about the "curb appeal" of your homes. We continuously want to show our neighborhood pride. We encourage you share your ideas or time with activities which involve our neighborhood surroundings. Please email us or call us if you would like to share them.

Finally, thanks to Nick Robison, we will now be sponsored by Callaway's Nursery for our Yard of the Month program. Callaway's will provide us with a new Yard of the Month sign as well as a 90 Day \$25.00 Garden Gift Card for the monthly winners. However, we do not want to forget to thank Bruce Miller Nursery for their past support throughout the years. Having these two wonderful nurseries, (as well as others nearby), provides us with a wide selection of plants, flowers, and trees, is so appreciated! We hope you will continue to support them, as well.

We hope to see some awesome display of flowers, plants, etc. as we welcome Spring!

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all that have paid their 2014 MSNA membership dues. Currently MSNA has approximately \$250 in the bank. There will be a detailed report at the next General Meeting this Spring.

Some of you may be wondering why our account is so low. In 2013, MSNA had many one-time large sum expenditures; neighborhood sign toppers, trimming of the entry-way tree, and neighborhood holiday decorations that drained the account. Also, the continual upkeep and beautification of the front entry run the association about \$800 a year.

The majority of MSNA income is from membership dues so please support MSNA by paying your dues so we can keep our entry beautiful and continue our other programs.

MSNA Directory

If you have not picked up your MSNA Directory, please email msnacommunications@gmail.com so we can coordinate getting the Directory to you. As a reminder, the Directory is a benefit of being a MSNA member and will ONLY be issued to 2013/2014 MSNA members.

Volunteers Needed

Want to make a difference in the community?

MSNA has many committees that need chairmen and/or members. As you complete your MSNA 2014 Membership Form, please take time to circle one or more committees you would like to serve on.

MSNA has the following Committees that you can join: Beautification, Safety, Social, Communication, National Night Out, Ten for TIN, and Block Captains. There will be lots of exciting new things going on in 2014. Be a part of it by joining a committee, being a board member, or by just volunteering some time.

Timely Tips for February 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 Myrtle, 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 nec-

essary 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 remaining canes back by 50 percent. Make your cuts 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.

Treat your special Valentine this year with fresh, living flowers. The Rose can be enjoyed all year; cool season flowers such as Pansies, Primrose and Cyclamen can add a burst of color to your landscape, patio or garden

Please join us for FREE in-store clinics. Clinics begin at 10:15 a.m. and are held at every store.

Saturday, February 1: Edibles: Fruits and Berries in the Landscape

Saturday, February 8: Grow Astonishing Indoor Orchids

Saturday, February 15: Earthkind Gardening Practices for Texas

Saturday, February 22: ABC's of Organic Gardening – What You Need to Know



Meet Your Neighbor

Let's all welcome our newest neighbors Russell and Christina Powell, 1512 Flintwood, to our neighborhood. Russell is a native Texan and recently retired musician, singer, and songwriter. He has toured as the bassist with such bands as the Bee Gees, Alice Cooper and John Denver as well as many others. He is also a Master Woodworker, a former PGA Independent Teaching Professional and a Cordon Bleu trained chef. His interests include his new wife Christina, cooking, boating, and reading. He is a former student of West Texas State University and received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Now that he has settled into married life, he is no longer touring and is currently pursuing his law degree.

Christina Steinorth-Powell is a Licensed Psychotherapist, Author, and Media Relationship Expert. Her book *Cue Cards for Life: Thoughtful Tips for a Better Relationship* was released in 2013 by Hunter House Publishers, and you can see and hear her advice regularly in print, radio, and television. She has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, NBC News, Fox News, Woman's Day Magazine, Glamour Magazine as well as countless radio and new programs.

Together they are parents to Winston, their Basset Hound and Sigmund, the black Pug. Welcome to the Marlborough Square.

Meadows Museum of Art

The Meadows Museum of Art on the campus of SMU is one of the real treasures of Dallas. The museum has a special relationship with the world-famous Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain and has exhibited many of their art treasures exclusively at the Meadows.

The current special exhibit is Sorolla & America featuring more than 100 works by this most famous Spanish artist until Pablo Picasso. The paintings of landscapes, beach scenes, and portraits are incredibly beautiful. They are on display through April 19, 2014. The exhibit then goes to the San Diego Museum, its only other stop in the U.S.

The Meadows itself has a wonderful collection of paintings, alter pieces, sculptures and objects of art. It also has one of the best gift shops of any museum in town. Additionally, parking is free in the garage under the museum. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, closed Monday. Admission is only \$10 adult, \$8 senior, \$4 student. A lovely way to spend a day and worth every penny!

By: Linda Haster

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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.



Marlborough Square Neighborhood Association (MSNA) is a voluntary organization of residents that come together to enhance the quality of life, preserve the value of homes, and promote a safe neighborhood in Marlborough Squares. Membership is open to all residents whether you are home owners or tenants.

Upcoming Events

MSNA Neighborhood Association General Meeting

All residents and MSNA members are encouraged to attend the Spring MSNA meeting in April. At the meeting we will elect officers and fill vacant positions on committees. Other topics on the agenda will be revisions to the by-laws, the member directory schedule and other items as necessary. More information and the date and time of the meeting will be announced later. **Time and Location will be sent out soon!**

City of Richardson Crime Watch Patrol Class

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community as a volunteer? If you can spare an hour or two per month for your Richardson neighborhood then Crime Watch Patrol might be the opportunity you are seeking. Patrol when you want, no set schedule to follow.

Our next training class will be held during the day on Thursday March 6, 2014 from 6pm-10pm.

Call the Richardson Police Dept. at 972-744-4955 if you are interested.