

The Marlborough Messenger

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President's Message

Summer is here! If you are like me, you are wondering where the time has gone. As we walk or drive around the neighborhood, the yards are getting green and the flowers are blooming. Marlborough Square is a great place to live.

I am sure you have noticed the construction going on at Plano and Belt Line Road. Raising Cane's has just opened up and a new Applebee's is being built next to Wendy's. The Applebee's design will be a new concept for their restaurants (only the second one in the state like it). The site where the old Albertson's was will be torn down and new restaurants added. It is great that east Richardson is growing and adding new things that are closer for us to enjoy.

We want to thank Bill and Mary Beth Carpenter for their support and time as Co-Presidents of MSNA. We wish them the best in the next chapter of their lives and welcome them back anytime.

Our next exciting event will be the July 4th parade and picnic which will be held on Potomac Drive this year. This should be a fun time for everyone.

We have new people in the neighborhood and I encourage everyone to welcome them. I know everyone is busy but a simple hello can make a difference in someone's day.

Peggy Sanford
President

MSNA July 4th Parade and Picnic



Where: Potomac Drive

When: Friday, July 4th

Parade: 10:00 a.m.

Parade awards for most patriotic, creative, and imaginative costumes. If you are interested in participating, arrive at Potomac/ Mt. Vernon at 9:45a.m.

Cookout: Following the parade

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided.

A-M Bring dessert

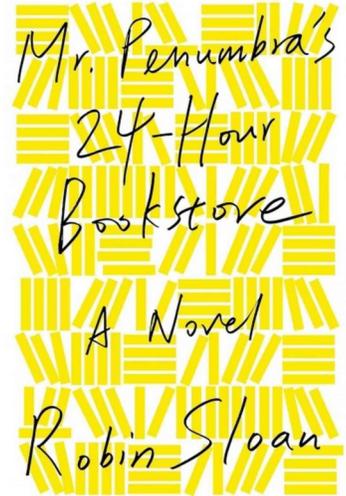
N-Z Bring salad

*Please come even if you can't bring a food item.

Richardson Reads One Book

Richardson Reads One Book will celebrate its tenth year of community book discussions by reading *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. The mission of the Richardson Reads One Book program is to promote and support reading, and to develop aesthetic, cultural, educational, and related activities for the benefit of participating residents of the Richardson/RISD area. Reading the same book as your neighbors, family and friends gives a community one thing in common to talk about.

Robin Sloan will present a free public lecture on behalf of RROB at Richardson High School on September 23 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket information is coming soon. Copies of the book can be picked up at Half Price books Richardson or from the Richardson Public Library.. For more information about the how you can participate in the Richardson Reads One Book program, call the Richardson Library at 972-744-4380 or check out the website at <http://onebook.cor.net/>



Box Tops for Education



Want to help out our local schools? Here is an easy way how. Please look for the box tops for education symbols on everyday products and save them. To the left is a sample of what they look like. The school gets 10 cents for every one turned in for credit. Schools can buy supplies for their art programs, computer programs, or whatever the need. You can either take the box tops directly to the school of your choice or take your them to Laura Brownlee at 1403 Potomac Drive. She will split them between Springridge Elementary and Math Science Technology Magnet Elementary schools. Box tops can be collected all year and turned in as they are accumulated. Thanks for your support of our local RISD schools.

MSNA Website

Want to know what's going on in the neighborhood and community? Now you no longer have to wait until the next Newsletter to see what is going on in Marlborough Square. The New MSNA website is up and running. Check it out!

<http://marlboroughsquare.wordpress.com/>

4th of July Yard Decorating

July 4th is such a meaningful day for our nation. Let's proudly celebrate our support for our country during this special time.

There will be a Star Award for each of our six neighborhood streets, as well as a Grand Prize Winner for the neighborhood. This award is separate from our monthly Yard of the Month.

Judging will take place on Monday, June 30th at 3:00 p.m. With your patriotic décor in place, we'll have a more enthusiastic spirit to lead us on during our July 4th parade and party.

Calloway's Gardening Tips

Timely Tips for June Gardeners:

It's getting hotter and summer time activities are getting into full swing. June brings both the opportunity to plant summer color, and the routine garden maintenance of mowing and weeding.

Keep up with the mowing so you don't have to bag the clippings. Mow every 5 to 6 days instead of every 7 to 10 days and let the clippings fall back into the lawn recycles nutrients but does not promote thatch. If you have to bag your clippings, you can put them into paper bags for bulk pickup compost rather than adding to the landfill (can be purchased at Lowe's or Home Depot).

Mulching is the best way to conserve moisture in the landscape. A 3-4 inch layer over the root zone retains moisture, keeps the soil cooler and helps prevent weeds.

June is a great month for setting out colorful summer annuals. Marigolds, salvia, petunias, verbena, cockscombs and celosia are great in sunny locations. Color for the shady areas includes caladiums, coleus, impatiens and begonias.

June Clinics

Saturday, June 21: Summer Lawncare: Everything You Need to Know - (10:15 a.m.)

Saturday, June 28: Heat-Thriving and Colorful Plants – (10:15 a.m.)



Timely Tips for July Gardeners

July is often a very dry month and can be very hot. New garden projects are not usually started but there are always maintenance chores to do. The best time to do any kind of gardening or maintenance is in early morning or late in the day after supper. Proper watering is essential to keep plants healthy. It is best to water as deeply and infrequently as possible, as opposed to frequent light sprinklings. This will encourage a deeper root system that can take advantage of water stored in the soil.

One of the best strategies for getting shrubs and young trees through summertime dry spells is to apply a thick layer of mulch over the root systems of plants. Mulches break down over time, so if it has been awhile since you've mulched, check all the plants in your yard. A 3-4 inch layer will prevent most evaporation from the soil and lower the soil temperature in the root zone, reducing stress on the root system.

Wanting to add some summer color? Marigolds, cosmos, vinca, zinnias, purslane and portulaca all do well in the summer heat. Marigolds planted in late summer and carried over into fall tend to have brighter colors than spring-planted marigolds. Pinch back and fertilize chrysanthemums this month to promote new growth and more flowers.

Water plants in containers and hanging baskets more frequently in the summer to keep them from drying out. This can leach out plant nutrients from the soil, so use a water-soluble fertilizer regularly to keep your plants growing and healthy.

July Clinics

Saturday, July 5: Forget the Grocery – How to Grow Delicious Tomatoes for Fall (10:15 a.m.)

Saturday, July 12: Birding Basics – Creating a Bird Friendly Backyard (10:15 a.m.)

Water Conservation

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4

The City of Richardson will continue modified Stage 3 water restrictions through the summer due to critical shortages at North Texas Municipal Water District water supply reservoirs. The restrictions allow Richardson property owners to irrigate outdoors on the first and third Saturday or Sunday of the month dependent on property address. Summer water restrictions also prevent outdoor irrigation between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Last digit of address

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1,3,5,7,9 (Odd)

Allowed landscape water day

First and third Saturday of the month
(irrigation prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

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Neighborhood Wine Party— A Success



Thank you to all that attended the first Annual Marlborough Square Neighborhood Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party. Over 45 of MSNA's finest wine connoisseurs came out and shared their favorite wines. The event was a huge success and provided an opportunity for neighbors to meet new people, socialize with old friends, and share memories. Thanks to Linda Haster who hosted the event in her yard. We would like to also thank the Social Committee for organizing the event, purchasing and preparing the food, and all those that assisted with the cleanup afterwards. If you are interested in serving on the social committee or have ideas for future social events, please email Nick Robison at nick.robison@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Mena's Tex Mex Grill



Most of us already have a steady relationship with our favorite Tex-Mex place, our go-to joint that makes it the way we like it. Well, now it's time to add another restaurant to that list. Welcome to Mena's in Richardson.

Mena's Tex-Mex dishes are prepared from the freshest ingredients and the finest traditional Mexican recipes. Homemade salsa and tortillas, juicy meats, and savory spices make every item on the menu a delectable treat. Whether you decide on traditional tacos or try one of the house specialties, the food will satisfy your taste for Tex-Mex. Don't forget to check out the patio as you kick back and sip on a famous Mena's Margarita or quench your thirst with a Mexican beer.

With 25 years of experience in Tex-Mex and Mexican food, they invite you to come and enjoy some of their delicious dishes. Mena's Tex-Mex Grill is in the Eastside development (Greenville and Campbell roads). They are open Sun-Thurs 11a.m.-10p.m. and Fri-Sat 11a.m.—10:30 p.m.

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If you would like advertise, submit an article or have a suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Nick Robison at msnacommunications@gmail.com.

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!**



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 Square. Membership is open to all residents whether you are home owners or tenants.

Update on Richardson Dog Park

The City Council has reviewed progress on Richardson's first dog park, which will be constructed on six acres under and along the President George Bush Turnpike just west of US 75. The proposed design features a central courtyard area where all dogs will enter separate fenced-in areas for large, small and sedentary dogs. Possible features include shade structures, benches, artwork and water fountains.



The city is working to finalize an inter-local agreement with TxDOT, which owns the land designated for the dog park. Next steps include naming the park and purchasing a pre-fabricated restroom building for the site. The \$1.5M project is expected to go out for bid with construction beginning this summer. The new park is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The 2010 Richardson Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan identified a dog park as one of the city's top recreation needs.

