

The Marlborough Messenger

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President's Message

Spring has Sprung! The sounds we are hearing in the neighborhood are lawn mowers and trees being trimmed. The daffodils and trees blooming are a good indicator of a beautiful spring. The birds are very happy as well! The rain has been a good plus for our yards and water bills.

Spring is always the time for our annual MSNA meeting. A get together with our neighbors to discuss our plans for the year. We have some great things planned and are always open to new ideas. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on April 7th. We have new people in the neighborhood so please take a few minutes to introduce yourselves and invite them to the meeting.

The agenda is a very good one. We have Bob Townsend, Mayor Pro-Tem, Sue Walker, Chamber of Commerce and a representative for the Animal Shelter. Bob and Sue will be discussing all the good things that are happening in our city. The representative from the Animal Shelter will be discussing coyotes and the leash rules. It sounds like a very lively meeting.

There will be forms available at the MSNA meeting, or log on to our website to find a form at:

<http://marlboroughsquare.wordpress.com>

**Peggy Butler,
President**



Marlborough Square Neighborhood General Meeting



Where: Berkner Lecture Hall

When: Tuesday, April 7th

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

FREE- Donated by *The Line Bar and Grill*
Pizza, drinks, dessert

Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

- City Council Representative
- Treasurer's Report
- Economic Development
- Animal Services

Front Entry Beautification

We would like to thank the seven dedicated neighbors who came out on Saturday, March 28th at 8am to help beautify the front entry. The hard working bunch picked up trash, pulled weeds, spread mulch, fertilized the plants and bushes and raked the leaves.

In April, flowers will be planted on the “wings” near Plano Road. Plants will also be added to the entry-way near Mt. Vernon later in the year.

If you enjoy being outside and yard work, please think about joining the Beautification Committee. See Ruth Martin or Heidi Walsh if you are interested in joining.

Thank you again to everyone that came out!



Marlborough Square Market Analysis

Active Listings: 0
Avg list price: NA
Avg price/sq ft: NA

Sold past 6 months: 3
Avg sold price: \$196K
Avg sold price/sq ft: \$87.26

Please note this does not include “For Sale by Owner” Properties.

If you would like additional information or a market analysis of your property, please contact me at [\(972\) 743-0196](tel:9727430196) or marilyn@ryancox.com.

Marilyn Jones, Realty Executives Metroplex

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!

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 2015 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 2015. Be a part of it by joining a committee, being a board member, or by just volunteering some time.

Make Mulch, Not Trash

DIY Information

Mulching and composting provide nutrients needed for a healthy lawn. You'll save time and money by reducing fertilizer use in your yard and not need to buy bags to dispose of the trimmings.

Grass clippings can be left on your lawn - they'll break down quickly.

Leaves can be shredded (with a mulching lawnmower or your regular lawnmower) and mulched.

If you have a compost pile or bin, grass and leaves can be added to help your whole garden.



Bag Them Up

Brush and yard trimmings can also be turned into mulch and compost through Richardson's Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) program.

Schedule a BABIC pickup.* Be sure to mention you have yard trimmings for compost. Your BABIC pickup day is the same as your recycle day.

Put leaves and grass into a compostable bag (not plastic bags) and leave them by the street in front of your home.

(Compostable paper bags may be purchased at local home improvement stores.)

Neighborhood Garage Sale



It's time to clean out the house, garage and attic, and get ready for the annual MSNA garage sale, which will be on **Saturday, May 2nd**. This year we will be joining College Park, Town North, and North College Park in having a Southeast Richardson Garage Sale weekend. MSNA will place ads on garage sale websites, and signs will be posted on Plano Road and St. John the morning of the sale. The garage sale permit has been taken care of with the city, so individual permits are not needed. If you don't have enough items for a sale of your own, you may find a neighbor who will let you share their sale. The more homes involved on this day, the better the turnout!

Cirro Energy—Giving Back to MSNA

Did you know that by choosing Cirro Energy as your electric provider you will be giving back to MSNA? For every new customer that signs up, Forever Funds donates back a portion of their usage to Marlborough Square! Participants save up to 20% on their electric bills, plus MSNA gets back a monthly percentage of each account. As long as participants continue service with Cirro, rewards from their usage supports the chorus year after year! Visit <http://www.cirroenergy.com/foreverfunds.asp>. Choose "Marlborough Square Neighborhood Association" from the dropdown and click "Submit" to sign up for Cirro Energy. This is a perfect way of giving back to the neighborhood without any effort!

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Calloway's Gardening Tips

Timely Tips for April Gardeners:

April means "to open" or "opening", in allusion to it being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open". Calloway's Nursery are fully stocked with all kinds of plants and products. Consider adding Native Plants to your landscape. Native plants tolerate our Texas Summer heat better than most, require less water, require less mowing, provide habitats for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil and save on fertilizers and insecticides.

A successful garden begins with good soil. Organic material is important to the soil composition. It helps with drainage and increases the microbe population. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with organic mulches.

Container gardens need more attention since they dry out faster and need regular additions of fertilizer to compensate for the more frequent irrigation.

St. Augustine and Bermuda lawns should be actively growing now; so it is a great time to apply fertilizer. Please consult your Calloway Nursery for the best fertilizer advice for your lawn. A correctly fertilized lawn now will better help your lawn to handle the Texas Summer Heat!

In-Store Garden Series

Saturday, April 11th at 10:15 am – *Plant for Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens*

Saturday, April 18th at 10:15 am – *Native Plants for Texas Gardens*

Saturday, April 25th at 10:15 am – *Easy Care Flowers, Top Picks from Proven Winners*



Timely Tips for May Gardeners:

May is the month that makes us think of beautiful flowers. Visits to Calloway's Nursery, the Dallas Arboretum, and the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens will stimulate lots of new ideas and possibilities for your landscape.

Don't forget Mom this month! Mother's Day is May 10th. In a recent survey more than 30% of Moms of all ages want something garden related for her Mother's Day gift. Instead of the usual vase of cut flowers, plan ahead and give that special person a naturally-inspired bouquet that changes with seasons, a beautiful container garden.

Annuals and perennials give you lots of color bang for your buck. Pinch back growth of newly planted annual and perennial plants. This results in shorter, compact plants with more flowers. Allow the foliage of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.

Spread a second application of pre-emergent for crabgrass and grass. Fertilize lawns with the final feeding before Summer. Fertilize roses every four to six weeks and control black spot with a systemic fungicide. Feed trees and shrubs with Calloway's 16-8-8 Tree and Shrub Food.

In-Store Garden Series

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:15 am – *Perennials – Best Picks for Texas*

Saturday, May 9th at 10:15 am – *Beautiful & Practical Groundcovers in the Landscape*

Saturday, May 16th at 10:15 am – *The Art of Landscape Design*

Saturday, May 23rd at 10:15 am – *Just in Time, Drip Irrigation*

Saturday, May 30th at 10:15 am – *Design Stylish Container Gardens for Poolside & Patio*

Board and Committees

President

Peggy Sanford

Vice President

Carolyn Davis

Treasurer

Bryan Florez

Membership

Vacant

Beautification

Ruth Martin
Heidi Walsh

Communications

Nick Robison

Safety

Myrna and Richard Cudlipp

Social

Nick Robison

National Night Out

Dave Riley

Springridge Area Crime Watch

John Shipman

Ten for TIN

Val King and Daphne Self

Block Captains

Mt. Vernon– Vacant

Potomac– Laura Brownlee

Flintwood– Jana Wu

Forsythe– Johnny and Ana-Maria Ramos

Concord– Vacant

Stonecrest– Norm and Beth Wills

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

Membership— Join us!

MSNA Membership Drive 2015 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 Squares. Membership is open to all residents whether you are home owners or tenants.

Trash—Bash 2015

The City of Richardson's 21st Annual Trash Bash is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015. The event is held in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful and is open to anyone wishing to help clean up the community.



Groups or individuals wishing to join are invited to a pre-event meeting, set for Thursday, April 16th, at 6 p.m. in the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall building at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. At the meeting, trash bags, release forms and area assignments will be provided to participants. Groups and individuals are also encouraged to register online or by phone at 972-744-4076.

All participants will disperse from their homes/locations to their designated street, park, and/or area on the morning of Saturday, April 18th, 2015 to fill their bags with litter and recyclables. After collecting litter and recyclables, participants are asked to return filled bags to the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Rd., where refuse will be collected. Refreshments and door prizes will also be provided.

During the event, the Richardson Environmental Action League (REAL) will give each Richardson household a free roll of 26 blue recycle bags.



Marlborough Square Neighborhood Association Membership Application



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MSNA Dues Support the Following Projects

- Entryway Landscaping
- Neighborhood Social Events
- MSNA Newsletter
- 4th of July Party/Parade
- MSNA Yard Signs
- Holiday Decorations
- E-mail Alerts
- Yard of the Month Award
- Neighborhood Directory
- National Night Out
- Crime and Safety Updates
- Neighborhood Yard Sale
- Website
- Support Area Schools

First Name: _____ **Last Name** _____

First Name: _____ **Last Name** _____

Street Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Home #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

MSNA prefers to send our Newsletter electronically – please provide your email address for the newsletter, crime alerts and other MSNA information. If you do not have an email address, manual delivery of the newsletter will be made, but other info/alerts will not be manually distributed.

If you would like to further help the MSNA, please consider volunteering in one of the following areas by circling your choice(s) below:

***Ten for TIN Membership Communication Social Crime Watch Beautification**
**Ten for TIN (Those In Need due to illness, accident, disability, or those who are elderly or living alone) A MSNA group of volunteers assist Marlborough Square residents with various activities around the home. Contact Val King (972-783-6347) for more info.*

Membership Fees

- 2015 Annual Dues: \$40.00
- Yard Signs: _____ (\$15/sign)
- MSNA Donation: _____ (Every \$100 donation will have a brick engraved and placed at the front entry.)
- Total _____

Signature of member(s): _____ Date: _____

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Please make your check payable to: MSNA
Send ck/cash and completed form to: Bryan Florez, 1404 Potomac Dr. Richardson, Texas 75081