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PCNHA General Meeting & Special Presentation

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 @ 7pm

9-1-1 Public Education Presentation Special Guest Speaker - Susan Rodriguez

Topics include:

- ◆ Emergencies - What is and what isn't an emergency
- ◆ Your phone and 9-1-1
- ◆ What information the 9-1-1 center needs to know when you call
- ◆ Discussion on landline, cell phones, internet phones and how they work with 9-1-1
- ◆ Special considerations for medical emergencies



Come Join Us —

Homeowners, residents and tenants are invited to attend the general meeting to...

- ◆ Learn about what's going on in our community
- ◆ Special '9-1-1 Emergency vs. Non-Emergency' presentation from Susan Rodriguez
- ◆ Meet and interact with fellow neighbors, homeowners
- ◆ Budget and Committee Update
- ◆ Door Prizes and more!

For additional information and community updates, visit www.pcnha.org



Property Pride

In my travels through the neighborhood, I see many lawns, shrubs, and even trees dried brown from the many days of triple digit temperatures. We also hear about all the brush fires being fought throughout the State. Many black patches along the high-ways are evidence of a previous grass fire. Now that we are being restricted from watering, even more of our landscape will suffer. This will make our house surroundings vulnerable for a fire. Smokers, please extinguish and dispose of your lit cigarettes properly to avoid a catastrophe. We don't need any mishaps in our neighborhood. Also when charcoal grilling, do not leave your grill fire unattended.

Another area of concern is our house foundation. With only two days of watering, we must take extra steps to keep our foundations wet to avoid structural damage. One suggestion is to install soaker hoses around the house periphery. Also use hand hose watering since there are no day or time restriction as long as the hose has a shutoff at the end.

Last but not least, for those of you who are fortunate to have a backyard pool to cool off in, protect your feet from the deck heat. The pavement temperature can exceed 140 degrees.

Ben Preboy
Property Pride Chair

City of Plano Stage 2 Water Conservation & Restrictions

At the direction of the North Texas Municipal Water District, the City of Plano has entered into Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures. The Plano City Council adopted a different approach to watering restrictions, while continuing to limit watering to 2-days per week.

New Landscape Watering Restrictions – Effective August 23, 2011

Irrigation watering should be programmed for 2-days per week based on your home address:

Even House Number: Monday & Thursday Only
Odd House Number: Tuesday & Friday Only
Watering is prohibited between 10:00am-6:00pm.

Important Phone Numbers:

Water Bill Questions: 972-941-7105
Reporting Water Waste: 972-769-4160
Violations: 972-769-4104



Water Conservation Stage Information:

- ☒ Find and fix leaks around the house.
- ☒ Prevent water runoff from your lawn into the street or onto hard surfaces.
- ☒ Watering your lawn is prohibited from 10AM-6PM from April 1st - October 31st.
- ☒ Watering your lawn with sprinklers or irrigation systems is only allowed two times per week (some exceptions).
- ☒ Planting of cool season grasses like rye is prohibited.
- ☒ The use of treated water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds is prohibited.
- ☒ Wait until after the drought to establish new landscaping.

Hand watering or use of soaker hoses or drip irrigation is acceptable any day of the week, any time of day, provide there is no run off. For additional information visit www.plano.gov/water or www.livegreenplano.com

The City of Plano needs the cooperation of all home owners/residents to help reduce water consumption by 5%. We appreciate your support and it is critical for everyone to do their part and conserve water.

GOING GREEN

Are you tired of all those newspapers that are piling up on your door step? Why not try reading the same information posted online!

To stop delivery of the **Plano Star Courier** and/or **Briefing Newspaper**, simply contact the circulation department and ask them to stop delivering newspapers to your home. Residents will be asked to confirm name and address to discontinue delivery.

Plano Star Courier: 972-424-9504 — www.planostar.com

Briefing c/o Dallas Morning News: 214-977-8333 — www.dallasnews.com/briefing

Remember unwanted newspapers lying around advertise to criminals you're not home or give the impression that we don't care about the appearance of our community



Message from the President

We continue to be concerned by events beyond our immediate control. Hope you will attend our next general meeting, September 20th, to hear what is going on with PCNHA. Bring your questions, concerns, comments. YOUR ideas about the neighborhood are of interest to all of us. We may not have the answers, but as a community, we can seek them out.

- ◆ **HAGGARD FARM** Planned Development Project is expected to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Board on September 19th. If you are interested or concerned, this will be your opportunity to express your feelings and ideas.
- ◆ Construction of the **PARK BLVD. INTERSECTION** is delayed until next spring/summer time frame.
- ◆ The **HALL FARM** is now owned by the City of Plano for a future park usage. Nothing is expected to happen there for approximately 5 years (per the City of Plano - "No funding available")
- ◆ **PISD ACADEMY** on Columbia: No current updates have been received. We will continue to be in contact with PISD on this matter.

If any of you have additional updates on these or other issues, please get in touch with one of the PCHNA Board members.

See you at 7 pm - September 20th at
Highland Oaks Church / Rio Grande & 15th Street.



Yard of the Month

There's no doubt it is HOT out there! Luckily, there are still many surviving yards about! The Yard of the Month Committee strives to recognize all the work that it takes to manage those beautiful landscapes during these sizzling summer days!

Our Yard of the Month program is meant to appreciate individuals going above and beyond in their own yards, which makes our entire neighborhood more attractive and valued.

Our 2011 selections include:
January.....1408 Tawakoni
February.....1616 Brazos
March.....1529 Tawakoni
April.....1408 Geneva
May.....1700 Tawakoni
June.....1420 Huron
July.....1408 Brazos
August.....1820 Huron
September.....1604 Tawakoni

We look forward to honoring many more magnificent landscapes to finish off 2011! Please stroll the neighborhood and send your nominations to Sunny at 972-509-7576 or svos95@yahoo.com



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Membership/Expenditures

PCNHA budget for fiscal year 2011/2012 is based on 175 paid members. Our present paid membership count is 147. Your \$45.00 dues cover expenses to beautify and maintain our common areas, utilities, newsletters, social events and more. Following are the year-to-date expenditures.

Budgeted	175	\$ 7,875.00
Paid	147	\$ 7,358.00

Our year to date expenditures are as follows:

Water	\$ 101.00
Electric	\$ 174.00
Landscape Maintenance	\$ 728.00
Sprinkler & Lighting Repair	\$ 435.00
Newsletters	\$ 374.00
Misc.	\$ 22.00
Meeting Signs	\$ 64.00
Supplies	\$ 20.00



Ben Preboy - Treasurer

August 11 was the semi-annual Crime Watch coordinators meeting at City Hall. This is always hosted by Plano Police and there is a general information session as well as area break-outs with our assigned police officers. Here are some highlights.

The police stressed in abundance that Crime Watch has three basic functions: know your neighbors, report suspicious activity to the police on 911, and to pass along crime information and tips for prevention to help keep the neighborhood aware and strong. At the bare minimum, every one of us should know the neighbors on either side, the three houses directly across the street, and the neighbor directly behind. Several officers told us that a profusion of crime was halted because of watchful neighbors calling 911. If you see a suspicious person, a suspicious vehicle or suspicious activity CALL 911.



Plano Police repeated to us that if you get a knock on your door and it is someone you don't know, yell through the door and tell them you are not interested. This is important because if it is a thief casing your house, that person now knows there is someone home. A common excuse by the thief is to ask if the "Smith's live here" (or a made-up name). Do not open the door to a person you suspect. Houses with no one there are the prime targets.

Large dogs are wonderful as a deterrent.

If you experience a barking dog that won't quiet down, a loud party in the wee hours, solicitors leaving fliers on doors marked "no soliciting", or any other non-emergency situation that needs the attention of police, call the non-emergency Plano Police line at 972-424-5678.

An arrest of a car break-in burglar in June has reduced the number and frequency of car break-ins within Pitman Creek North.

Two solicitors going door to door were leaving fliers at doors marked "no soliciting". A police officer on routine patrol spotted this on Sacramento and halted the two solicitors. He did permit and ID checks and found that BOTH men had warrants for their arrest. The men were arrested and taken to jail.

Welcome Wagon

Currently in PCN, there are 9 houses for sale. Since June of 2011, three houses have sold.

As the houses sell, and new residents move in, the 'Welcome Committee' calls on them and leaves a packet of information about our subdivision. A neighborly welcome is delivered, names and numbers exchanged, and questions answered.

I have recently taken over this committee, after our last leader moved to the hill country. I have strongly encouraged all 'block leaders' to keep an eye on their area, and notify me when a new neighbor moves in. The more 'eyes' keeping watch over an area, the better! If you know of a new resident that needs a welcome, please contact me!



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