



Pitman Creek North Homeowners Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Fellow PCN Resident:

The state of the overall subdivision is quite good right now. Some distressed houses and yards have been trimmed and once-a-week sprinkling has helped a lot to green up the neighborhood. We are entering quite possibly the nicest time of the year – the public gardens and main entrance will be spruced up in the coming weeks and some work has already started. Thanks to our new irrigation repair person, the four drip irrigation gardens are doing well.

I'm sure you have noticed the work crew power washing the brick wall on Park Blvd. The city is having them do two separate washings on both sides of the wall. Once that is done, and the wall dries out, painting will begin. I can't begin to tell you how elated I am that the two walls that border our subdivision are being painted. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease" saying has been around for centuries. I've discussed our ugly walls with several city council members and the director of Public Works for about two years and finally gotten results! It is very gratifying to see the improvements being done. These two walls belong to the city and are being cleaned and repainted at no cost to PCN!



National Night Out is fast approaching and we always have fun with this evening. This year, it is on Tuesday, **October 7 at 6 pm until dark** at our local Hackberry Park on Sabine (west side of PCN). We have commitments from both the Plano Police and Fire Departments to be there. Come and meet the two Plano Police officers who patrol our subdivision as well as our Fire Department personnel. New this year - **food trucks** too! (See Activities.)

All in all, it is a good time to be living in Pitman Creek North and I'm sure glad I do. It is also very gratifying to see all the PCNHA member signs in the front yards.

Dave Nichols
President, Pitman Creek North Homeowners Association, Inc.
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Each month, a home in the neighborhood is recognized as our "Yard of the Month." The winner displays two signs in the front yard – one from our HOA

and one from Calloway's – and additionally receives a \$25 gift card, courtesy of Calloway's Nursery, as a "thank you" for helping to keep our neighborhood looking great! As you can probably imagine, selecting a winner can be quite difficult! There are so many well-maintained yards in our subdivision that the winner is almost always a home that has gone above and beyond – planting seasonal color and often times having tasteful seasonal decorations.

As the weather starts to cool off, I encourage you to take a walk around our neighborhood and check out the yards! Even though we were subject to Stage 3 water restrictions this summer, so many of our homeowners kept their lawns and beds looking great, and if you've been paying attention, you will have noticed that a number of homes have been undergoing some major landscaping updates – adding stone borders, seasonal color, and drought-resistant shrubs. Thanks to all of you who take pride in maintaining your yards and put forth the effort it takes to keep our neighborhood looking good. It doesn't go unnoticed...and who knows, next month, I might be knocking on your door and awarding you "Yard of the Month!"

Lauren Eastburn
Yard of the Month Chair
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Planned Events Include:

- Food Trucks
- Ruthie's Rolling Café
- Parrot Ice
- Games
- Football
- Frisbees
- Chalk Art
- Pooch Parade (bring your friendly, four-legged pooch)
- Plano Police Squad Car (up close and personal look)
- Plano Fire Truck (up close and personal look)

National Night Out

October 7th
from 6-8 pm
at Hackberry Park

Sponsored by PCNHA

For more information, questions or to volunteer to help, please contact Denise at activities@pcnha.org

National Night Out is fast approaching. Please join your neighbors on Tuesday, **October 7 at 6 pm until dark** at Hackberry Park. Plano Police and Fire Departments will be there as well as great food trucks!

Join PCNHA Supper Club at

SAUCED WINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 7
SUPPER CLUB OCTOBER 14

Join us for a night of food and fun at Sauced Wings (formerly Kitchen) in Allen (610 W Bethany Dr; NE side of Bethany) a perfect spot to meet your neighbors since we'll have a private room always welcome, and this restaurant is especially kid-friendly. It's a special chance to meet your neighbors at National Night Out and Supper Club on the fourteenth. See you there!



PCN Supper Club – (usually the first Tuesday of the month). Check PCNHA's home page or website for more info.

Landscape Update

The landscaping committee has been busy keeping our gardens groomed, learning

We had hoped to upgrade the landscaping in some of the beds this year, but with the new plantings require even more water than the established ones. Luckily, the entry gardens have thrived throughout the year. The sweet potato vines have taken over, but at least they add some color to the summer when everything else is struggling.

Keep watch for our autumn change over and entry display. The winter gardens and entry garden should also be something we hope you enjoy.

We will be doing some plantings this autumn. Our goal is to have some perennial plants that will interest every season of the year. As we plant them this year they may not be very pretty yet as they establish their root systems. But perennial plants are an investment in the future because they provide us with reliable performance. We will continue to invest in water-wise plants.

Many thanks to those who pay your voluntary HOA dues and make landscaping of our gardens. The families made contributions that were above the suggested \$45 donation. We greatly appreciate your support.

Vicki Blakley
PCNHA Landscaping Chair
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www.pcnha.org

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Pitman Creek North Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc.



October 18 ✱

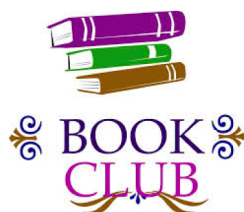
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GARAGE SALE

Each home in PCN is responsible for its own permit. To participate, visit <http://egov.plano.gov/garagesales/> to obtain a permit. The HOA will post an ad on craigslist. All other advertising and legal signage is the responsibility of participants. Please follow all city guidelines in hosting and advertising your garage sales. For questions, email activities@pcnha.org

This year, we are partnering with Goodwill to collect leftover goods for donation. Goodwill will provide a donation trailer & an attendant to hand out donation receipts upon request.

PCN Annual Garage Sale -
This year's neighborhood garage sale:
Saturday, October 18. Each homeowner is responsible for obtaining their own permit from the City of Plano (<http://egov.plano.gov/garagesales/>).



PCN Book Club - Come join us (usually the third Tuesday of each month). Check PCN calendar on home page of our website - www.pcnha.org. Contact activities@pcnha.org for meeting place.

Activities

Be Up-to-Date!

Our PCNHA.org website now includes an up-to-date activities calendar on the home page with specific information about upcoming neighborhood events. Not only does it show all the events in one place, you can click on the date and add it to your own personal calendar - easy!

If you have ideas or questions regarding social events you'd like to see in our neighborhood, please contact:

Denise Gooding
Activities Chair
activities@pcnha.org

Welcome to New Neighbors!

Our neighborhood has had the privilege of welcoming many new families over the past year. Once again, a warm welcome to y'all and we are so excited to get to know you!

A special thank you to all those neighbors who have informed me as new neighbors have moved in. It has made it so much easier to reach out.

If you are a new homeowner and you have not heard from Welcome Wagon, email me at:
welcome_wagon@pcnha.org.

I have juicy information and a little welcome gift for you from this terrific HOA!



Lynn Humble
Welcome Wagon Chair
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MEMBERSHIP



Membership signs are popping up all around Pitman Creek North saying "We care!" At the time of this printing, we have 49% of our homes as members of the voluntary homeowners association! It's fabulous to see how our homeowners are taking pride in their

neighborhood, and proud to show it!

PCN has 491 homes, and currently there are 241 members! That's an all time high record! Thank you! Wouldn't 50% (or higher) be wonderful? Surely a few more of you will sign up, and put us over that mark. A Membership table will be set up at National Night Out, coming up on October 7.

The signs have been a nice perk to show that members support their neighborhood, but I also think it's evident to homeowners that their membership dollars are being well spent. Our area is looking good, and a big thanks goes to it's members – you!

Here is a street by street breakdown of our membership this year.

Amazon	29 of 44 houses	= 66% membership!
Brazos	25 of 48	= 52%
Callaway	31 of 55	= 56%
Danube	27 of 56	= 48%
Geneva	31 of 72	= 43%
Huron	29 of 72	= 40%
Sacramento	41 of 72	= 57%
Tawakoni	28 of 72	= 39%

Susan Nichols
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Your Membership Dollars at Work

2014/15 Year		
Description	Income	Expense
Starting Balance as of June 1, 2014	\$ 15,644.00	
Dues/Donations since June 1, 2014	\$ 5,550.00	
Excess Funding - Flower Fund	\$ 145.00	
Electrical Repairs to Landscape Areas		\$ 206.00
Landscaping - Maintenance, Plants, Supplies		\$ 892.00
Mail - Postage, PO Box Rental, Mail Outs		\$ 222.00
Utilities		\$ 280.00
Sprinkler Repair		\$ 171.00
Office Supplies		\$ 16.00
Grand Total	\$ 21,339.00	\$ 1,787.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2014	\$ 19,552.00	



This year has been a good year for Pitman Creek North. There have not been a significant number of incidents for our area; when there has been an incident, our neighbors have been vigilant in aiding the police in any way they can. This is what we strive for in order to keep our neighborhood safe.

Social media has definitely helped keep our neighbors aware of issues arising in both our neighborhood as well as other neighborhoods nearby. Our active Facebook and Nextdoor web pages help keep us all informed. Every time I hear about any crime activities which I think could be pertinent to Pitman Creek North residents, I post that information on both our PCN Facebook and Nextdoor web pages as well as sending out Crime Watch email alerts to our PCN email list.

I would like to personally thank our residents for all of their help in making PCN a great place to live. As I see all the Crime Watch alerts come through my email for other areas of Plano, it makes me proud to be a part of our great neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or problems, as well as suggestions for safety tips/improvements for Pitman Creek North.

Thomas Martin
Crime Watch Chair
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Crime Watch