

## Pitman Creek North

September 2017

## Pitman Creek North Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Be sure to sign-up for email alerts at www.pcnha.org

## President's Message

Last month, I returned home after ten days on the East Coast. As I entered through the main entrance at 15th and Victoria, I was greeted by the two islands in full bloom and the monolith sign power washed. As I continued northbound I saw many yards that were as green as Ireland. Multiple front yards were candidates for Yard of the Month. Good old PCN looked great! The pristine yards were the result of diligent work by homeowners and a very cooperative Mother Nature. The eight public area gardens are maintained by the HOA. I was home!

Speaking of the monolith concrete sign at the main entrance, the board is seeking permission from the City of Plano to remove that sadly outdated 1970's sign and replace it with one that is modern, stylish and lighted by solar energy.

Due to increasing neighborhood concerns over wildlife making its home in our neighborhood, we have invited City of Plano Animal Services to speak to our subdivision on wildlife in our area. A meeting has been set for October 24th in the pavilion at Hackberry Park at 6:00 pm.

The board of directors and chairpersons are dedicated and energized to keep our subdivision looking as good as possible. As a quick review: we are all volunteer and non-profit. We focus on the appearance of the 8 public gardens that are placed at the four entrances and the traffic circles. Just keeping those planted, weeded, mowed and irrigated is a lot of work. Our board also produces two outdoor picnics a year (Picnic in the Park (spring) and Fall Fest (just around the corner in October)), PCN Supper Club monthly, Yard of the Month, Crime Watch, neighborhood alert email system, monthly book club and the terrific looking yard signs for all HOA members. It's all designed to bring neighbors closer together. By the way, the current year's yard sign logo is a blue jay. If you have a butterfly or a tulip flower, you are one or two years behind in your membership. We thank you for your past membership but are asking you to be current. If you become a new member you will be placed into our email alert system if you aren't already there. The \$50 annual membership is voluntary and we don't charge arrears. Have we earned your membership?

Dave Nichols
President, Pitman Creek North Homeowners
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Come Join Us at Fall Fest!

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



Membership in the PCNHA for the fiscal year that began June 1 is now at 175 we don't usually reach full membership level until after our Fall Fest in October

This year we have had more turnovers of houses than I've ever known before. It been from long-term residents who were always good PCNHA members. We cert

It's hard for us to reach out to new neighbors. Our 'Welcome Wagon' chair position is currently empty - any voluments.

I'd like to ask each of you to reach out to your new neighbors; try to get contact information (like a good neighbor) and share it with website at pcnha.org, where they can see all the things that our neighborhood has to offer. Once we hear from them, we can sign the signed up), which will keep them informed of all Pitman Creek North news and alerts.

We need your help making all the new residents feel welcome and part of a real community! If you haven't already joined, please of

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NAME:					
STREET ADDRESS:					
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MEMBERSHIP FEE: .					. \$50.00
(Additional donati	ons toward lands	caping and/or H	OA projects are	always apprecia	ted!)
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PCNHA now accepts cred payments in person at bo you may mail your inforn	oth the <u>Annual G</u>				
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Credit Card Number:					
Expiration Date:					
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Date:					
Print Name on Card:					
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Susan Nichols Membership, Pomembership@p





Our events are in and our October generally meet the activities@pcnhaour monthly cale. Supper Club on

Fall Fest will be s wonderful time a exception! We'll I whole family! A c evening for kids

Denise Gooding Activities Chair activities@pcnha

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members. That's a bit lower than at this time last year, but

Many of the houses recently sold in our neighborhood have ainly will miss them.

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me, at the membership desk. Direct new neighbors to our nem up for our PCN email system (if they aren't already

onsider sending in your \$50 annual voluntary dues.

hborhood with our Blue Jay yard signs! Come and celebrate hbors at Fall Fest, and enjoy one of the best neighborhoods in

meet you all soon,

**Membership Form** is also available for download on www.pcnha.org

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

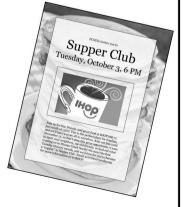


In full swing for fall! We're reading away in Book Club, novel is Circling the Sun by Paula McLain. We hird Tuesdays of each month in different homes. Email also high common com

Sunday, October 29, 4-6 PM. We always have a tour Hackberry Park events, and this will be no have free food, a DJ, bounce house, and fun for the ostume contest with PRIZES is the height of the 12 and under! We can't wait to see you there!



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Membership Dollars at Work

Pitman Creek North HOA 2017 Financial Report As of September 12, 2017

Checking Account Balance = \$18,248.44



Category	1/1 - 12/31/16	1/1 - 9/12/17
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	13,235.00	8,850.00
Special Projects (excess dues)	495.00	775.50
TOTAL INCOME	13,730.00	9,625.50
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EXPENSES:		
I. Lawn & Garden		
Plants & Flowers	1,343.19	521.94
Grass Cutting	2,250.17	1,921.06
Repairs & Supplies	757.55	1,775.56
Improvement Projects	0.00	0.00
Seasonal Decorations	135.07	22.10
Total Lawn & Garden	4,485.98	4,240.66
II. HOA		
Administration & Office	796.57	416.36
Card Processing Fee	0.00	37.12
Postage	150.40	0.00
Signage	2,162.52	2,393.08
Social Events	1,373.78	863.89
Total HOA	4,483.27	3,710.45
III. Utilities		
Electricity	369.08	0.00
Water	492.03	327.68
Total Utilities	861.11	327.68
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,830.36	8,278.79
OVERALL TOTAL	3,899.64	1,346.71



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 neighbor-hood looking great!

My job is choosing Yard of the Month once a month throughout the year. I'm looking for yards with color, lawns that are kept up and nice landscaping. A winner does not have to have a yard full of flowers, I have had all of different varieties of landscaping win.

Calloways has changed their policy of sending winners gift cards. When the winner is chosen, I send in your name and address and they will notify you by email when your credit of \$25 is ready to be redeemed.

I would be happy for anyone who would like to recommend neighbors to send me an email with the label Yard of the Month and their yard will be considered to be a possible winner.

Thank you,

Jane Tecklenburg yard of the month@pcnha.org

Well, we have made it through another summer! The crime in our neighborhood has actually been fairly uneventful lately, especially since we usually have an increase in crime-related problems during the summer months (vandalism, petty thefts, etc. when school is out). We cannot relax our ever-watchful eyes, though. With everyones' help, our neighborhood continues to be a pretty safe place to live!



rime Watch

We always help ourselves when we watch for suspicious activities and report them to the Plano Police Department. All solicitors MUST wear a photo picture ID and carry a copy of the permit with them at all times. If you have someone soliciting at your door (and is still in the area) that doesn't have these required items, please report it to the non-emergency line (972-424-5678) and ask that an Officer be dispatched to your location. If the solicitor is no longer in the neighborhood, please fill out an online Complaint Form at http://www.plano.gov/FormCenter/Police-Department-7/Solicitor-Complaint-194 so we can help get this type of solicitation stopped.

Also, if you have, or plan to have, video security cameras on/around your home, PPD would like for you to register them. You can go to https://www.plano.gov/2356/Community-Camera-Program for more information on how to register. PPD will ONLY contact you if there has been suspicious activity in your area and they would like you to check if your camera(s) observed anything. Don't hesitate to contact PCN Crime Watch (crime\_watch@pcn.org) if you have any questions or concerns about issues within Pitman Creek North – it could potentially help everyone in the neighborhood. We thank everyone for continuing to do an outstanding job with our neighborhood Crime Watch activities.

Thomas Martin Crime Watch Chair crime\_watch@pcnha.org