



A Neighborhood Association

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## Your Neighborhood Newsletter

September 2012



### A message from the President, Jim Roland

Hello everyone! It's that time of year again. The kids are back to school, our green summer trees are about to turn beautiful vibrant colors, multiple holidays are approaching, the neighborhood officer/committee member elections are here and membership dues are due.

If you'd like to contribute your time to your neighborhood association and make a difference, becoming a part of a committee or our board is a great way!

Each year, we hold elections for all positions: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer. And, our HOA Committees, including: COPS, Beautification, Entertainment, Newsletters and Membership

The elections will be at our **Semi-Annual Resident Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm at the East Regional Library at 6301 Bridge Street.**

It's also important to let everyone know what's going on with the immediate area around our neighborhood. Recently we've had issues with truck traffic on Trinity Blvd, which is being worked on from several angles, but we need everyone's diligence to report any incidents you encounter. Also, as you may remember last fall and into January, River Trails HOA, as well as our neighboring HOAs (Lakes of River Trails North, East & South, the residents along Randol Mill, and Mallard Cove), banded together to fight zoning changes to fight a 15 unit compressor station that would have put our property values and health in jeopardy, and we won.

However, this fall another tactic of a couple of landowners was to try and sneak another zoning change through again. The HOA represented the neighborhood at an additional two meetings at City Hall that resulted in the zoning change being denied. It was a big help that many residents turned out to both of those meetings in the past couple of months to support the HOA's fight.

I'd like to also remind everyone that it's time to **renew** your River Trails membership dues (membership is due September 1st of each year). Your membership helps this voluntary neighborhood association put on events such as the Easter Egg Dash for the kids in the spring, Annual Safety Fair and Car Show, annual garage sale and other events, as well as maintain the entrance planters and provide funds when important issues such as the compressor station come about. Only \$25 from each household makes a HUGE difference in what we can & can't do for everyone who lives here.

We strongly encourage you to join our Facebook page ([facebook.com/rthoa](https://facebook.com/rthoa)) as this is the primary avenue of communication with everyone, no matter if it is a lost dog, someone in need of a babysitter, or just keeping you up to date on what's going on around us. Please update your email address with your membership renewal, so we can get urgent news out to everyone when the need arises. We still have one of the safest neighborhoods in the city, and it's because we have wonderful residents like you! Keep up the good work! Membership in RTHA helps us help you!

**Your participation in your Neighborhood  
Association is very important!  
JOIN TODAY!**



# Halloween Safety Fair

October 28<sup>th</sup>

4 - 6 PM

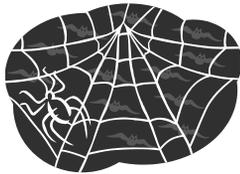
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6pm for our neighborhood Safety Fair! There will be fun for all ages - a car show, a bounce house and obstacle course for the kids and face painting! Wear your costumes for the costume contest and bring your already carved jack-o-lantern for the pumpkin carving contest! There will also be representatives from the police, fire, and other city departments to provide information on how you can protect yourself, your family, your home, and your belongings. All are welcome to the Safety Fair, but if you join RTHA or renew your membership, you will be entered into our drawing for door prizes! If you would like more information about the safety fair, the car show, or would like to volunteer to help with the event, please email [entertainment@rtha.org](mailto:entertainment@rtha.org).

## Do you own your own business?

If you are interested in having a vendor table or being the Official Sponsor for our Halloween Safety Fair this year, please contact [entertainment@rtha.org](mailto:entertainment@rtha.org). This is an excellent opportunity to advertise and promote your business to well over 400 attendees. For more information send us an email or call 817-683-2774.

## Halloween Decorating Contest

Decorate by 10/19, Vote by 10/25



If you would like to be considered for the annual Halloween decorating contest, please have your home decorations up by October 19<sup>th</sup>. To vote, send the address of your favorite house to [entertainment@rtha.org](mailto:entertainment@rtha.org) by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be announced at the Halloween Safety Fair. Winners receive a \$25 gift card from Lowe’s and recognition for their efforts.

## Rangers Success!

We had a great group of 55 people from the neighborhood attend the Rangers game on Friday, May 11th. It was an eventful night - a sold out crowd was there to see Yu Darvish go up against ex-Ranger C.J. Wilson. After some severe weather and a 2-hour rain delay in the first inning, the Rangers came back out to dominate the Angels. Josh Hamilton hit a couple of home runs & the Rangers won the game 10-3.

**Let's Go Rangers!**

# BEAUTIFICATION

# REPORT



Several bags of trash were picked up on Trinity. Volunteers are needed to help with the picking up of the continuing trash problem along our perimeter fences as well as trimming, especially along Precinct Line and Trinity. Any assistance that you can provide would be greatly appreciated! Please contact us at [beautification@rtha.com](mailto:beautification@rtha.com) to help.

Mowing along Trinity was completed by the Beautification Committee.



## Holiday Decorating Contest

Decorate by 12/14, Vote by 12/18

This December, decorate your house for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or just the beginning of winter! To be considered for the decorating contest, you must have your decorations up by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Take a drive around the neighborhood to check out all of the decorations and then vote by emailing the house address for your favorite decorations to [entertainment@rtha.org](mailto:entertainment@rtha.org) by December 18<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded to the winners by December 20<sup>th</sup>.



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## YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

- June : 9080 Tyne Trail
- July : 8932 Saranac Trail
- August : 8915 Tyne Trail
- September : 8704 Pedernales Trail

A Big “THANK YOU” to all of the homeowner's that work so hard to keep their property looking so great and making our subdivision looking even better. Stop by these homes to get some great ideas for your own yard!

## Upcoming Events



**Semi-Annual Resident Mtg.**  
**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 pm**  
**East Regional Library - 3801 Bridge Street**

Neighborhood committees will give updates, we'll hear about changes in the police dept. and about the proposed new development at Trinity and 820.

Officer elections and committee appointees will take place at this meeting.

**National Night Out**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**  
(nationalnightout.org)

Turn on your porch light and join your neighbors outside to show your support in fighting crime. Or, take it a step further and host a gathering of neighbors for National Night Out.



**River Trails**  
**Car Show at the**  
**Halloween Safety Fair Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

No, we are not looking for the scariest car. But, we are looking for some awesome cars to participate in our 3<sup>rd</sup> River Trails Car Show. If you have a classic car or truck or a vehicle that you're mighty proud of, come show it off at the car show. There is a \$20 entry fee and trophies will be awarded. If you would like to participate in the car show or assist with running the show, email Melissa McDougall at [mcadomk@yahoo.com](mailto:mcadomk@yahoo.com). And don't forget to tell your friends and family members that have a car they might want to show. All proceeds will go to RTHA to fund future events and activities.

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# CRIME



**FORT WORTH POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
**817-335-4422**

Believe it or not, our summer month crimes were lower than previous years. Again, we had no violent crime and remain a safe neighborhood. But, we are still plagued with the periodic burglary of motor vehicles and occasional home invasions. These type of property crimes can be prevented by securing your belongings, locking your vehicles, not leaving your open garages unattended and continuing to look out for one another. If you ever see anything that looks suspicious, please contact the police department right away and let them check it out. Often we see something that looks funny but think that it's legitimate and continue on our way. Criminals try to blend in and make you think they belong. Don't be fooled, call the police. As always, we still need individuals to patrol the neighborhood at least once a month for an hour. Additionally, we need someone to take over the Citizen's On Patrol group for our neighborhood. If you are interested in either of the two, please email Melissa McDougall at [mcadomk@yahoo.com](mailto:mcadomk@yahoo.com).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Concerns or Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to Volunteer a little time? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Or Depends... \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form along with your annual dues in the amount of \$25 to:

P.O. Box 185014, Fort Worth, TX 7618  
(Make Checks payable to RTHA)

Or get it out of the way fast and easy using PayPal.  
Just send your \$25.00 dues to our PayPal address at:  
[rivertrailshoa@yahoo.com](mailto:rivertrailshoa@yahoo.com)  
Please include your name & address.

## RTHA TREASURER'S REPORT

As of September 16, 2012

Riverbend Bank: \$1,923.22

PayPal: \$728.90

Balance: \$2,652.12



**Proposed Budget 2012-2013: \$3,360.00**

### Projected Expenses:

Beautification - \$200.00

Family Fun Day /RTE - \$100.00

Annual Safety Fair - \$750.00

Storage Facility - \$600.00

Membership - Mail outs, etc. - \$150.00

PO Box Fees/RTHA.org website - \$100.00

Dues - FWLNA -\$35.00

Entertainment - \$300.00

Garage Sale - \$125.00

Newsletters - \$1000.00



### New Email Addresses for RTHA

President RTHA : [president@rtha.org](mailto:president@rtha.org)

Vice President RTHA : [vicepresident@rtha.org](mailto:vicepresident@rtha.org)

Secretary/Treasurer RTHA : [secretary@rtha.org](mailto:secretary@rtha.org)

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**Bulky Trash pick up  
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each month.** Place  
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Monday of your  
assigned week.  
Crews have until the  
following Saturday  
at 5 p.m. to pick up  
bulky items.

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