

# CPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I am the new President of Crowley Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA). First I want to thank Bill Kinder for guiding the CPNA through the first 6 years. It took about 12 months to get CPNA "off the ground" and reach a critical mass. There were also many other people that worked tirelessly to get this organization going. In the 4 years that CPNA has been organized, numerous good things have been accomplished. At this time I want to bring those to everyone's attention.

- 1. Organized a Crime Watch Patrol that averages about 30 hours per month in volunteer time, keeping an eye on our neighborhood.** If you see one of your neighbors patrolling the neighborhood please give them a nod of approval.
- 2. Inaugurated sign toppers on street signs to denote our neighborhood.**  
I am sure you all have seen them adding a little class to the neighborhood.
- 3. Conducted an annual trash collection "party" in February for the last 4 years.**  
It is amazing how much debris is cleaned out of the creek that runs in Crowley Park.
- 4. Hosted several social "happy hour" gatherings through CPNA,** which is a good way to get to know your neighbors.
- 5. Held third annual Fall Festival in October.** I am sure everyone had a good time from the apple dunkers to the hula-hoopers.
- 6. Scooped up 10 gallons of ice cream at the first ice cream social in June.**  
I saw several kids wearing an ice cream smile!
- 7. Participated in city meetings for the City of Richardson** enough that they finally painted the barrier wall that surrounds our neighborhood. Check it out.

Come join in the fun and help Crowley Park neighborhood. We get out of it what we put into CPNA, and besides you will have a good time and you might meet some new people. I have!

Within the next 18 months Richardson will be having another Bond election and CPNA will be able to speak with one LOUD voice so that City Hall hears us. I have overheard neighbors speak about wanting various projects...basketball goals, bridge over the creek, entry feature, etc. All this takes an organized voice to let City Hall know what we want. Join CPNA and let's let city hall know we are here.

Yours Truly,

~ Terrence Francis Xavier Ziegler

The Grand Pooba of the secret society of Neighborhood Association Presidents

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring 2015

#### Winter Trash Bash

February 14, 9am  
South Pavilion

#### Spring Mixer

March 17, 6:30 - 8pm  
Location TBD

#### Memorial Day Event

May 23, 2-4pm  
Location TBD

### Summer 2015

#### Ice Cream Social

June 27, 2-4pm  
Location TBD

#### General Annual Meeting

TBD

### Fall 2015

#### Fall Festival

October 27, 2pm - 4pm

#### Holiday Mixer

November 5, 6:30 - 8pm  
Location TBD

#### Christmas Light Decorations

TBD

*Save the Date!*  
**SATURDAY**  
**2/14/2015**

## WINTER TRASH BASH

**South Pavillion**

**Mayor Maczka & Steve Mitchell** (who was the mayor that dedicated the deck over the pond) will be sending us off!

## CPNA Officers

### **President:**

Terry Ziegler  
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### **V. President:**

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## FROM RED OAK PARK TO CROWLEY PARK: A NAME CHANGE

Contributed by Dot Pitts

Crowley Park, previously known as Red Oak Park, is known for its generous trees, a pond and curving topography. The 58-acre park is located at North Spring and Lookout, east of Jupiter. The park is currently the second largest park in Richardson, with unique features that include a creek running through the middle, wooded rolling land and a fishing pond. What makes it even more special is that it is the only park in Richardson that has a children's fishing pond stocked with channel catfish taken from farms throughout the state.

After the sudden death of Dallas County Judge Frank Crowley in 1985, Richardson City government officials presented a resolution to rename the park in memory of the contributions Frank made to the Dallas and Richardson communities. A portion of the resolution stated, "Frank Crowley will be remembered for his principles, his leadership and his achievements in public office and as a citizen of this city . . . because of Frank Crowley's dedication to the people he served, the mayor and members of the city council feel that it would be appropriate to change the name of the park from Red Oak to Crowley Park with the knowledge that this park will provide enjoyment for the people he enjoyed serving."

Judge Crowley and his wife, Martha, moved to the city of Richardson in 1960 to raise their family. When hearing about the honor, Martha Crowley, Crowley's widow, stated that this would please Frank more than any other honor because Richardson "is our home." She noted that her husband would have enjoyed both the park and the day's gentle breezes because "he was a big kite flyer."

In March of 1987, the members of the Richardson City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with other city officials, officially changed the park's name to Crowley Park. Martha Crowley said, "To have something like a park named after Frank, a living memorial that people will forever enjoy, it's just simply wonderful."

Residents, who have lived near this neighborhood park since the late 70's – early 80's, have watched the cow pasture and stock tank evolve into 58 acres of outdoor recreation. There are two playgrounds, two gazebos, a strolling creek, areas for barbequing and lots of woods for exploring. A 1.24-mile sidewalk surrounds the park for running, walking, or just gazing at beautiful sunrise/sunsets, fields of wild flowers, kite flying or other sporting activities.

The former stock tank is home to a variety of ducks and occasional geese that can be quite territorial. With its large deck over the water, the pond has been the backdrop for weddings, prom pictures, birthday parties and Tai Chi classes. Most recently the park has hosted a Mommy and Me Stroller exercise class, monthly.

The many people who frequent and care for Crowley Park continue to use this "living memorial that people will forever enjoy."





# SUCCESS! NO SPRING ON NORTH SPRING

Tom Buntyn

Upon our arrival in Spring Park North in the late 80s, we became concerned about the condition of the North Spring Drive during and after rain. The underground springs continued to flow over the top of the curbs and through spaces in the road that created an ugly and dangerous situation for walkers, bikers, etc. Through the years many attempts to correct this condition were attempted by us and our neighbors.

Two years ago we were greatly encouraged by city workers that repairs would be made to fix the road. Last spring and summer the work began. The city replaced the concrete on the west side, but had to create a means by which to divert the water on the east side before the concrete could be replaced.

Much to our delight, as the rains returned over the last few months, the repaired road between Aspen and Silver Holly on North Spring no longer has slime and grunge. Thanks to the current city officials and staff, we have "No spring on North Spring."



AFTER



BEFORE

January 2015

Contributed by Bonnie Cash

## GARDENING TIPS FOR JANUARY

- Continue planting/relocating trees and shrubs now while they are dormant so they can establish roots before summer. Now is an excellent time to prune trees and shrubs to remove unwanted or unhealthy growth in order to maintain an attractive growth habit.
- Continue planting annual color in beds and containers during days with warmer temperatures. Don't forget to continue fertilizing annuals regularly with a complete, water-soluble fertilizer.
- Begin dividing and replanting your summer and fall blooming perennials while they are still dormant.
- There's still time to plant spring blooming bulbs until mid-January in order to give them enough time to establish roots.
- Begin planning your early spring vegetable garden. Plan to sow your seeds for spring annuals and veggies, inside, per instructions based on the last frost date for your area. Remember they need full sun and temperatures around 65 to 70 degrees (watch out for those cold window sills!).
- Rye and Fescue seed can be spread during extended periods of warm temperatures. Don't forget to fertilize your over-seeded lawns once they are established.
- Mulch new plantings to help retain moisture and insulate roots against cold temperatures.
- Keep frost cloth handy to cover any tender annuals, perennials or new plantings since January is usually the coldest month in North Texas.



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# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Rockie Marvel

We had some fun times in Crowley Park in 2014 including the Third Annual Fall Festival in October and our "Pre-Holiday Social" in November.

The Fall Festival was held at the North Pavilion, and everyone had a great time! Some of the festivities included the Bounce House, Halloween Costumes Contest, Face Painting, Sack Races, Bobbing for Apples, Corn Hole Toss, Richardson Fire Department, and more. We kept the food simple this year with the rental of a popcorn machine and cookies.

We collected feedback on the activities and hope to expand on the festivities for next year. We appreciate your input as we strive to make our Crowley Park events fun for everyone.

The "Pre-Holiday Social" was not as well attended as we had hoped with about 50 attendees, compared to 130 at our last mixer. We had modified the way we advertised the event so that may have had an impact, as well as the time of year. Going forward, fliers will be distributed for all events so we reach **everyone**.

We look forward to another great year in Crowley Park. We encourage YOU to attend our events and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, become a member of the Crowley Park Neighborhood Association. Your membership of \$20 per household allows us to continue to host events and bring our neighbors together.

To clarify, Crowleypark.Nextdoor.com is our online community similar to a Facebook for neighborhoods. Joining Nextdoor does not mean joining the Neighborhood Association.

For any questions about the Social Committee and for volunteer opportunities, please email [RockieMarvel@gmail.com](mailto:RockieMarvel@gmail.com).

## HELLO DOLLY BARS

(A rich, quick dessert!)

- 1 stick butter (go ahead, use the real stuff)
  - 1-2 cups graham cracker crumbs
  - 1 can coconut
  - 1 cup chopped walnuts (or nuts of your choice)
  - 1 (12 oz.) pkg. milk chocolate chips (more or less)
- Can also use semi-sweet or white chocolate, butterscotch, or mix.
- 1 large can Eagle Brand sweet condensed milk

1. Melt butter in 9 x 12 pan. Sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs, press lightly.
2. Sprinkle coconut, chocolate chips, nuts. Pour milk over entire pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Cool before cutting.

## OVEN BAKED CHICKEN FAJITAS

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 (15 oz) can diced tomatoes w/ green chilies (drained)
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 large bell pepper, seeded and sliced  
(can use red, orange, yellow or mix)
- Flour or corn tortillas
- Toppings like cheese, sour cream, & guacamole - if desired

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place chicken strips in a greased 13x9 baking dish.
2. In a small bowl combine the oil, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, dried oregano, and salt.
3. Drizzle spice mixture over the chicken, stir to coat.
4. Next add the tomatoes, peppers, and onions to the dish and stir to combine.
5. Bake uncovered for 20-25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.
6. Serve on tortillas with desired toppings.

Contributed by Bonnie Cash





# SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Terry Ziegler

Note: The following tips are intended for Christmas season however these tips still pertain to home safety and crime prevention throughout the year.

The Christmas and New Year Holidays are here - a time for Joy, Peace and Happiness - and there are several things you can do so you do not become a victim.

1. Make sure when you leave your house that all the doors and windows are secure. Otherwise someone may visit in the middle of the night and it will not be Santa Claus.
2. Be careful of how you dispose of the carton that your brand new 80" flat screen TV came in. If you leave it outside to be recycled, you are telling people "look what I got for Christmas". Cut the box up in to many small pieces, then put it out for recycling. If they can't see what it says, chances are they won't stop at your house.
3. Before you leave for Grandma's house for Christmas let your neighbors know that you are going to be gone and ask them to pick up the mail, paper, etc. A pile of newspapers strewn across your front yard is an invitation to anyone looking for an excuse to come in your home.
4. Ordering online is convenient, but if your 80" flat screen TV is going to be delivered by UPS, FEDEX, USPS or Santa and you're not going to be home, have it delivered to your work or where there is someone to receive it. Otherwise if left on the front porch someone may help themselves to a new TV....
5. When you are hanging lights on the roof of your house or in the trees make sure you have a good ladder and maintain three points of contact with the ladder.... We may have a new hospital but don't forget they still serve hospital food!
6. Keep all electric cords and lights out of water. We want the lights lit and not you...even though you may have an electric personality.
7. Engrave all your gifts with your name or address, or phone# so if they are stolen you would be able to identify if they are recovered.
8. If you are out enjoying the Christmas decorations from behind the steering wheel remember to watch out for pedestrians, other cars, cats, dogs etc...and be SOBER...  
Use the above tips to have a safe and Merry Christmas/New Years holiday season.



## WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

### Winter Weather and Power Outages:

#### *Be Prepared Before It Strikes!*

- Keep supplies of water and food on hand.
- In case you're stranded, create a Winter Weather Kit by visiting: <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>
- Keep trees and other foliage trimmed and away from power lines. Swaying and broken limbs can rub against or cut power lines causing outages and even fires.

#### **DURING POWER OUTAGES:**

**Leave on your porch light and only one light inside to help restoration crews determine which areas are functioning. To prevent secondary outages, reduce initial demand once power has been restored by adjusting thermostats and turning off lights.**

***Notify the Texas electric delivery service, ONCOR, immediately of outages in your home or place of business by calling 888-313-4747.***

- Have your ESID and zip code ready (your ESID is on your electric bill) OR
- Pre-register your location by texting 'reg' to 66267 (ONCOR)

**We experience the threat of winter weather every year. Let's Get Ready Richardson!**

**Resources, sample plans, and registration links are available online at [www.cor.net/emor](http://www.cor.net/emor) for more information call 972-744-0900.**



***Visit [cor.net](http://cor.net) for more info!***



#### **CROWLEY PARK CRIME WATCH PATROL**

Can you spare an hour per month to help keep an eye on our neighborhood and your new 80" flat screen TV? If so, contact Terry Ziegler 972.238.7254 or Conard Kester 214.707.5414. We can always use more eyes to watch "the Hood."

## GARDENS ON CROWLEY

May Sheng

Finally, we cut down our 40 year old date tree in the backyard. Yes, it sounds unbelievable, but we have been here 40 years! Even though we have never been adventurous with our plants, our yard migrated with the grandma's garden, the children's playground and until now the bare grass. Looking at our neighbors' front yards and alleys, we see how time has aged the trees, dressed the flower bushes, and matured our Crowley Park area. A new layer or color of paint, a new batch of seasonal flowers, and a wave of new neighbors continue to broaden the gardens around us. I embrace the growth and change, and I even indulge myself with more discovery in our neighborhood gardens.

Repeatedly I said, I am not a gardener and even just "watering properly for my yard" is a challenge, but I love to cook and really get excited about learning and using western herbs, which drew me to learn more about herbal gardens. During a neighborhood gathering, while talking about herbs and spices, I got to know about Pam's garden.

I visited her and learned of Xeriscaping. Xeriscaping is landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation and it is an alternative to various types of traditional gardening. Pam shared with me how they transformed their yard. With a copy of the DMN dated 12/30/1994, Pam showed me a picture with her and these words quoted "wants to part ways with her lawn mower and begin the installation of a low-maintenance landscape."

Once she told me the reason why they started this garden transformation, bells rang in my head, and a voice said "Why do we grow grass, water them (with restriction of water usage), mow them down, then, do it again and again?" With a designer, they created a colorful low-maintenance landscape plan featuring a cut-flower, herb and vegetable garden, as well as a dry creek bed and fountain, and Pam implemented the new ideas in her yard. Now, whenever I drive by her front yard and back alley, I deeply admire her endeavors in transforming her yard. Maybe one day I will have enough courage to step into the challenge and transform my basic grass yard into a full adventurous wonderland!



## WHY A CROWLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

Almost seven years ago a group of residents from Crowley Park met with the City of Richardson to discuss the formation of a much-needed entity to represent our neighborhood.

At the time, Crowley Park was one of the last two of sixty-five Richardson neighborhoods without an official organization with representation to the City. One of the most significant disadvantages of not having representation at City Hall was our area being overlooked on bond issues and decisions made on behalf of other neighborhoods in the city. A primary example is our lack of entry feature signage and new screening walls now seen in most other Richardson neighborhoods.

Although it was apparent Crowley Park needed representation, no one wanted to have a Homeowner's Association that could be expensive and intrusive. Our clear and best option was to form a voluntary Neighborhood Association with minimal dues and also thereby eliminating the prospects of a future HOA. We would then be able to have our desired representation without the negative aspects.

We have been blessed by the unselfish motivation and character of those that have been active from the beginning. As a resident of Crowley Park, I am thankful that there were no agendas or personal issues involved other than how can we contribute to the betterment of our already great neighborhood.

The Board of Directors and Committee Members of CPNA have accomplished a lot for our neighborhood and have also achieved IRS status as a 401 (c) 4 non-profit entity, and we have been established as the official representative of Crowley Park to the City.

As the CPNA President until September 2014, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation, and to formally thank those who volunteered and came forward to help create and manage the Crowley Park Neighborhood Association.

We will all benefit from your support of Terry Ziegler, President, the Board of Directors and the conscientious men and women who are working to make CPNA as effective for you as possible. Hopefully every home will become a member and motivated supporter of the Association as it strives to improve Richardson's best neighborhood, yours!

~ Bill Kinder

Past President of Crowley Park Neighborhood Association

## 2014 SLATE OF OFFICERS

During the annual meeting at the Methodist Richardson Medical Center on September 11, 2014, the Crowley Park Neighborhood Association elected a new slate of officers. The newly elected officers for 2014-2015 include:

President:	Terry Ziegler - <a href="mailto:terryziegler@zieglers.com">terryziegler@zieglers.com</a>
Vice President:	Cory Waddingham - <a href="mailto:cory@waddingham.org">cory@waddingham.org</a>
Treasurer:	Sharol Clark - <a href="mailto:sharolclark@sbcglobal.net">sharolclark@sbcglobal.net</a>
Secretary:	Dot Pitts - <a href="mailto:dotpitts@gmail.com">dotpitts@gmail.com</a>



# VALENTINE TRASH BASH

Leslie Gulledge

Every winter a bizarre phenomenon occurs in Crowley Park. One Saturday each February, the park teams with people waving blue and black banners, with recycling and trash bags in hand. The people are friends of Crowley Park, all hearty participants of CPNA's winter Trash Bash.

Sponsored by the City of Richardson, Trash Bash is an event held in April to coincide with Arbor Day, Earth Day and Keep Texas Beautiful. Prior to the establishment of CPNA, neighbors gathered in Crowley Park for the April citywide Trash Bash, armed with a list of safety instructions and safety gear and equipment, they ventured into the woods and creek of Crowley Park.

Spring foliage conceals poison ivy and critters best left undisturbed, not to mention the trash. Volunteers stood at the edge of the litter laden, fully foliated, critter crawling woods. "I'm not going in there! Are you going in?" was often heard from the crowd. What's the solution to the problem? The birth of the winter Crowley Park Trash Bash!

Our winter Trash Bash is fully supported by the City of Richardson and counts toward the citywide totals for the Keep Texas Beautiful challenge in April. Mayor Maczka and Councilman Solomon have endured cold weather and rough terrain to join us for past events.

For the last three years, friends and neighbors of Crowley Park have participated in our winter Trash Bash, enhancing the beauty and safety of the park. Being in the fresh air and sunshine is totally invigorating and working with your neighbors to revitalize Crowley Park is quite rewarding.

Last winter it was literally freezing for the 2014 Crowley Park Trash Bash. As a testament to the dedication of the volunteers, we had our largest turnout ever with 34 participants. There are tasks for everyone's comfort level, including distributing supplies and taking photographs. Everyone is welcome!

Bring your Valentine to the next Crowley Park Trash Bash on February 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the south pavilion. Contact Leslie Gulledge at [leslie.gulledge@monkboon.com](mailto:leslie.gulledge@monkboon.com) or 972.235.3430 to volunteer.

**Mayor Maczka  
& Steve Mitchell**

(who was the mayor that dedicated the deck over the pond) will be sending us off for our Feb 14, 2015 winter Trash Bash!



## WELCOME COMMITTEE PROGRAM

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR WELCOME BOOK?

*Welcome to  
Crowley Park  
Neighborhood*



CPNA's "Welcome Committee", was formed for the purpose of welcoming new residents into Crowley Park. The committee is headed up by Glenda Jenkins and volunteers Pat Martin, Jorge Galvan, Bonnie Cash, Dot Pitts and Phil & Jan Bobe. Welcome Books are filled with information about Crowley Park and the City of Richardson. These books were compiled by the committee and are being distributed to new residents monthly.

As of January 16, there have been 24 new residents in Crowley Park. If you have not received your welcome book and FREE blue recyclable bags, please contact Glenda Jenkins at [dlgljenkins@aol.com](mailto:dlgljenkins@aol.com).

To date the Welcome Committee has delivered books and blue bags to most of the new residents.

Please join us in welcoming our latest new members to our wonderful neighborhood:

**Dennis & Karen Dominguez on Silver Holly Ln**

**Matt & Hayley Wiggins on Clear Springs Ct**

**Robert Froehling on Buttercup Dr**

**Olga Sanchez on Daisy Ln**

**Taylor & Mandy Dorman on Aspen St**

**Lee & Shannon Knox on Silver Holly Ln**

**Jason & Carolyn Hotra on Buttercup Dr**

**Ron & Mary Callis on Primrose Dr**

**Tony, Archer & Charles Ammermon on Silver Holly Ln**

**Minh Thao & Nu Tran on Morning Glory Way**

**Tom & Christine Castro on Spring Lake Dr**

**Jojo Chuang & Lyn Chao on Aspen**

**WELCOME TO CROWLEY PARK!**

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Dear Neighbors:

We are fortunate to be in our 4<sup>th</sup> year as a fully-functioning Crowley Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA). To clarify, CPNA is voluntary and NOT a homeowners association.

*"CPNA is a **voluntary** group that strives to develop the lines of communication with the city, promote a safe, clean and attractive community, and bring residents together to preserve and enhance the livability and value of our neighborhood."*

CPNA is open to home owners and tenants alike, **BUT, we need your support! We want to continue to be "your voice" and offer these great benefits and services.** Please be a part of the Crowley Park community by contributing your dues and volunteering your time and talents.

**Membership dues are only \$20 per year (per household) and provide & facilitate the following valuable services:**

- Crime Watch Patrol — by trained neighborhood volunteers
- Beautification & Civic Projects  
(as approved by the City and budgetary constraints)
  - ~ Crowley Park "Trash Bash"
  - ~ Entry landscaping and maintenance
  - ~ Sign Toppers
  - ~ Flag Program through Rotary Club  
(\$40 per household, per year to participate)
  - ~ Clean & paint perimeter wall @ Jupiter & Renner
  - ~ Various ongoing community projects
- Special Events
  - ~ Food Drive
  - ~ Ice Cream Social
  - ~ Spring Fling Mixer (March)
  - ~ Annual Meeting (September)
  - ~ National Night Out (October)
  - ~ Fall Festival (October)
  - ~ With your support . . . *many more!*
- Representation at City of Richardson meetings and coordination of matching projects.
- Interaction with Richardson Police and Fire Departments.
- CPNA Neighborhood News newsletter.  
Distributed quarterly.
- Neighborhood Website ([www.CrowleyPark.com](http://www.CrowleyPark.com))
- CPNA Social Networking Site limited to residents only: (<https://crowleypark.nextdoor.com>)

***Please complete your Membership Form today. Thanks in advance for your support!***

## MEMBERSHIPS & PROMOTIONS

Nancy Hatate

As we go into 2015, thank you to all members of our voluntary Crowley Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA). Our goal is to reach 250 members, and currently we have 188 members. Remember, your dues of \$20 per household cover the period of October 2014 through September 2015. We encourage you to join if you have not already done so. Below is a recap of the various ways to connect with CPNA.

• **CPNA Membership** - a voluntary association for all designated Crowley Park area residents. Dues are \$20 per year which provide costs for various events throughout the year, newsletters, an annual meeting and more. This membership supports the neighborhood as noted on the Membership Benefits section (to the left) so we can continue to bring our community together and GROW!

• **Nextdoor** – an online forum for the neighborhood. It is a way for you and your neighbors to talk online and build a safe and informed community. It is free to sign up for everyone in the neighborhood. It includes alerts for safety, recommendations, announcements, classifieds, a directory, and community chat. *Note: Please keep in mind that joining Nextdoor is NOT the same as the CPNA membership.*

• **CPNA on Facebook** - an online social networking intended to connect friends, family, and business associates. You can sign up free with an email address. "Like" our page, which can be found as "CPNA-Richardson, TX."

• **CPNA Website** - another resource with information including news announcements, newsletter archive, Board of Directors, bylaws, photos, membership and more. Go to [www.crowleypark.com](http://www.crowleypark.com) for details.

If you have any questions about your membership, would like more information, or inquire about the website, please contact Nancy Hatate at [nancyhat@att.net](mailto:nancyhat@att.net).



# CPNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Dues for October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

**Application Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Adults** \_\_\_\_\_

**House Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

*For communicating meetings, planned events, and alerts*

**Payment (\$20)** ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

*Payable to CPNA and mail with completed form to: CPNA, P.O. Box 830114, Richardson, TX 75083*

**Volunteer Interests** *(check all that interests you)*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Safety (Crime Watch Patrol) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic and Environmental                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Advertisers and Sponsors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Flyer Distribution            | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |

**Assist/Become a Board Director or Committee Chair**

☐ Position of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, visit [www.crowleypark.com](http://www.crowleypark.com) or contact Glenda Jenkins at (972) 680-0885**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*~ Crowley Park Neighborhood Association ~*

CPNA is a voluntary group that strives to develop lines of communication with the city, promote a safe, clean and attractive community, and bring residents together to preserve and enhance the livability and value of our neighborhood.

Committee Use Only:

Payment Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE MEN OF COMPANY E

Tom Buntyn

After years of planning and saving, my spouse and I went on a 23 day tour of Europe to follow the paths of my boyhood heroes - the men of 90<sup>th</sup> Division, 357<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Company E - and their lives during World War II. I grew up in a small community in south Texas and these are the men whose stories filled my youth. The survivors' stories, usually after a few beers, were about the way some of them spent their three or so years fighting in World War II. As a result of combat in France, many of them would not return to our county and its towns. Their stories inspired our trip to Europe. Ambrose Tours and the able guidance of Bob Kershaw, English by birth, and military retiree, were our tour leaders. Transportation, information, food and lodging were included with the trip.

We did duplicate the trip of Company E, landing in Europe on the beaches of France. I tried to imagine myself in the boats from England to France during that time and having the ghosts of these veterans' experiences relayed to me helped a great deal. When we walked on Utah Beach, the enormity of landing on a beach in knee deep water with every part of the beach covered with machine gun, artillery and rifle fire became terrifyingly apparent. It became clear that the men who did come home were blessed and very fortunate. Of the one hundred who left, fewer than half of them would return healthy and young. They were older, thankful and convinced that their sacrifices made the world a safe place for the future children of the country they served.

A visit to the military cemeteries indicated the terrible price that these Americans paid on that day and for another year past that fateful arrival on Utah Beach. Having known such men who allowed us to continue to be free brings gratitude to my heart, especially knowing the fact that the dead and the wounded gave so much and asked so little of us. Every American should visit on Memorial Day if not these cemeteries then one near their homes.

I felt sadness to stop at the gravesites and think about a young man seventeen to twenty four years old who is buried in a place that is not the home he left. It is with humility that one can try to understand the sacrifice so many have made for this country. The trip I made fulfilled a lifetime dream to honor these men, so many of which died, were injured, or scarred for life. Each generation of soldiers has followed and done the same. As Ronald Reagan said "Where do we get such men?" My prayer is that they will always be there no matter the dangers to this country.



## CPNA ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

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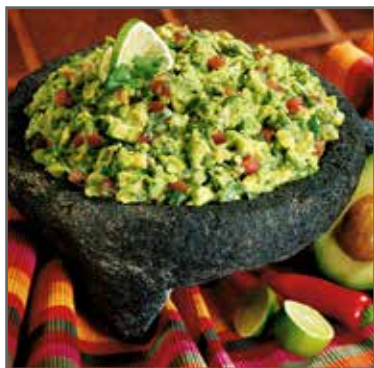
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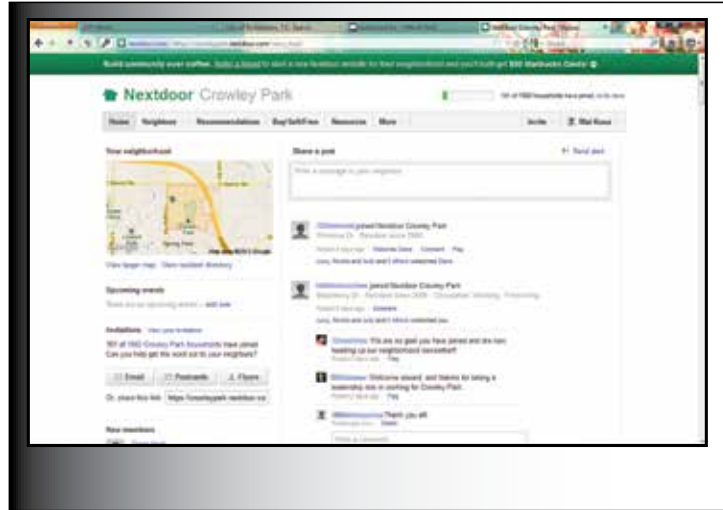
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