



## SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



### YOU'RE INVITED - GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7:30PM (Virtual)

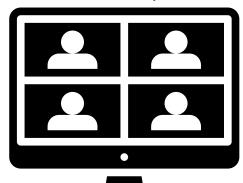
You're invited to attend the first Spring Creek Civic Organization General Meeting for 2021. All Spring Creek Members are encouraged to attend {virtually} and vote to approve the new Bylaws, vote to approve the 2021-22 slate for the SCCO Board, and share important news about the neighborhood.

This meeting will take place VIRTUALLY on April 20th

at 7:30pm.

We've invited TWO guest speakers, and those in attendance will be eligible for a door prize.

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- Message from V.I.P.
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- Upcoming Events

Spring Creek Civic Organization would like to reintroduce our new print newsletter as a courtesy to all Spring Creek Residents!

Our goal is to provide all our residents with upcoming neighborhood news, events, and helpful articles to bring together our community. This new print newsletter will be distributed quarterly to your home and will be available online; along with our digital bi-monthly e-newsletter. You do not need to be a SCCO Member to receive this newsletter.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SCCO PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly print newsletter! A big thank you to Krystal Hurst and our advertisers for making this possible! We hope you enjoy this additional opportunity to hear what's happening in Spring Creek along with our bi-monthly e-newsletters. Covid-19 has given us an opportunity to review the past years of the SCCO and chart a new path going forward.

We adopted a new vision statement, Building Community Close to Home, we sent out a neighborhood survey to help us plan, made updates to the website and ordered new signs to help communicate information to the neighborhood. With the help of Melinda Miles and the block captains, we brought some needed holiday cheer to the neighborhood streets. We are working with the City of Dallas to beautify the entrance to the neighborhood at Meandering Way and LaCosa. The city recently updated the fencing and power washed the brick and sign. We're working to get water to that location so that we can plant seasonal color. With the leadership of Suzanne Nobels, we have updated our SCCO By-Laws.

We have a nominating committee working to put together the 2021-22 SCCO board. We will be voting to approve the by-laws and the proposed slate of officers at our first ever Zoom General Meeting on April 20. As a board, we are closely following the city and county guidelines for Covid-19 in regard to activities for the remainder of the year. We look forward to the opportunity to gather again as we continue some of our favorite neighborhood traditions and start new traditions as well. Thank you for everything you do to make this a great neighborhood!

~Laurie Johnson, SCCO President

## SPRING CREEK CIVIC ORGANIZATION

## **BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

Joining the Spring Creek Civic Organization helps build a stronger sense of community in Spring Creek and the more support we have from YOU means the more SCCO can do for our neighborhood.

#### What does SCCO do?

- · Maintain and beautify our neighborhood.
- · Coordinate National Night Out & other social events
- · Create and distribute printed resources



To join, complete the membership form <u>online</u> at springcreekdfw.com OR print the application & mail to:

Spring Creek Civic Organization 305 Spring Creek Village, Suite 445, Dallas, TX 75248

## GO TO SPRINGCREEKDFW.COM/MEMBERSHIP TO JOIN TODAY!

Join SCCO for our Spring

## GENERAL MEETING



DOOR PRIZE DRAWING FOR A 10" SIGNATURE DO **FUDGE & CRUNCH CAKE!** 

All members are encouraged to join in as we discuss new Bylaws, vote to approve the 2021-22 slate for the SCCO Board, and share important news about the neighborhood.

### APRIL 20, 2021 | 7:30PM **VIA ZOOM MEETING**

**Guest Speakers Include:** 

- Tiffany & Chris Soignier:
- **Owners of Swans Landscaping**
- Dorothy Wernsman: Spring Creek V.I.P. Coordinator

**EMAIL** SCCO@SPRINGCREEKDFW.COM FOR ZOOM LINK INFORMATION.



**N**EIGHBORHOOD **CRIME WATCH** 



#### YOUR HELP NEEDED!

The Spring Creek Volunteers in Patrol provides a free email newsletter detailing crime watch information for all neighbors. The newsletter is issued 5 to 6 times per year depending on the frequency and urgency of criminal and/or suspicious activity in the Spring Creek and surrounding area.

All Spring Creek households are encouraged to receive the newsletter to help protect your property and lower the level of criminal activity in our community. Some items that are regularly addressed in the newsletter:

- Neighborhood criminal/suspicious activity updates
- North Dallas crime statistics
- Safety and crime prevention tips
- Dallas Police Department alerts
- Other issues impacting Spring Creek residents such as street repairs, community health alerts, sanitation services, code compliance, etc.

Contact the VIP at springcreekvip@gmail.com to sign-up for the newsletter or add/change your contact information so the VIP can directly alert you regarding suspicious activity and crime deterrent concerns around your home.

## **BRUSH & BULKY TRASH CALENDAR**

#### April 2021



May 2021



June 2021



### LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS MAKE IMPACT CLOSE TO HOME

by Erika Pierce

In this politically charged era, national elections receive the lion's share of attention. However, it is locally elected officials that take care of issues near home, from city parks to managing crime. With these elections approaching, we spotlight the positions up for grabs and their significance.

#### DALLAS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER - DISTRICT 1

City Council consists of 14 elected district officials and the Mayor. Together, they work with the City Manager to set the budget for capital improvements, determine local policies, set city ordinances and much more.

The Hillcrest Village Shopping Center is one example of the City Council's local impact in action. City Council members approved funds to convert the old parking lot in the center of the development into an expansive public park with playground. The city has also worked with its developers to encourage the economic development, and the center is now blossoming.

#### RICHARDSON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES

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#### RICHARDSON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AT-LARGE POSITION 7 CANDIDATES** 

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Nicholas Frank LaGrassa
Christopher J. Poteet
Blake Sawyer
Eric Stengel

## DALLAS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER - DISTRICT 11

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Hosanna Yemiru
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#### RICHARDSON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members. Five represent geographic areas (single-member district), while two are at-large positions that represent the district as a whole. These positions are determined by staggered three term elections.

According to the Richardson ISD web site, "The Board of Trustees has the executive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of RISD." These responsibilities include everything from setting policies to adopting the budget and hiring the superintendent.

Single Member District 1, which Spring Creek is located within, and At-Large Position 7 will be decided in the upcoming electon.

## EARLY VOTING: APRIL 19-27 • ELECTION DAY: MAY 1ST WHERE TO VOTE: FRETZ PARK LIBRARY'S BLACK BOX THEATER

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS, VISIT DALLASCOUNTYVOTES.ORG

#### APRIL 22

Earth Day

#### **APRIL 26-30**

**Teacher Appreciation Week** 

#### APRIL 28 @ 8:35AM

SCE Little Eagles - Get Your Art On with Mrs. Belcher

#### APRIL 29

Virtual Job Fair with Dallas Public <u>Library</u>

#### APRIL 30

No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

#### MAY 9

Mother's Day

#### MAY 25 @ 6:45PM

SCE 6th Grade Graduation

#### **MAY 28**

RISD Last Day of School

#### MAY 29 @ 8:00AM

Richardson HS Graduation at Eagle/Mustang Stadium

#### **MAY 21**

Memorial Day

#### **JUNE 4-5**

Taste of Addison at Addison Circle Park

#### **JUNE 5**

Kick Off to Dallas Mayor's Summer Reading Program

#### JUNE 19

Juneteenth

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### RISD BOND 2021 VOTING MAY 1

Based on the recommendations of a community bond steering committee, RISD trustees on Feb. 8 voted to place two bond propositions before voters as part of the May 1 election.

The total of both propositions is \$750 million. Approval of Bond 2021 will not increase RISD's tax rate.

One proposition for \$694 million is for capital construction, infrastructure, repairs, safety and security, and equipment. The other proposition is for \$56 million for student and staff technology.

RISD stakeholders are encouraged to explore this informational website to learn more about what's included in the proposed bond package; why specific items and projects were included; how capital expenditures and the bond process works under Texas law; and approval of Bond 2021 will not increase RISD's tax rate.



Public forums have been scheduled to share information about Bond 2021 with the community:

- April 15th Virtual Forum hosted on Zoom. Click here to view the Public Forum meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 20th In person Forum at the RISD Administration Building, Auditorium – 6:00 p.m.
- April 21st Virtual Forum hosted on Zoom. Click here to view the Public Forum meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Links to the virtual forums will be available at the RISD Bond 2021 information website: RISD.org/Bond2021.



## **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS** & LOCAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

#### **WELCOME TO SPRING CREEK, CHICK-FIL-A!**

The newest North Dallas Chick-Fil-A location (Arapaho between Coit & Spring Creek) opened Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00AM to a line of hungry fans. Chick-Fil-A paused their First 100 Campout during COVID-19, and instead provided local schools

with FREE Chick-Fil-A to distribute to hard working teachers!

Store Hours: 6:00AM-10:00PM Closed on Sundays f/cfaspanishvillage





The newly opened Hillcrest Village Park (Arapaho & Hillcrest) is drawing in some big names from around the Dallas area! Coming soon, you'll find a variety of restaurants and shops like Cane Rosso (pizzeria), Haute Sweets (patisserie), and The Brass Tap (craft beer). And many neighborhood families are awaiting the return of a local favorite, Don Pepe's Rancho Mexican Grill - who recently released new rendering concepts on their Facebook page (@donpepesrancho).

What's open now? Try these new businesses and show them some love!

- Lada (eatlada.com) Come experience a whole new way to enchilada with creative recipes & bold flavors
- Haystack Burgers & Barley (haystackburgers.com) Local, family-owned burger restaurant with fresh food and a community feel.
- Kids Empire

   (kidsempire.com)

   An active indoor play area for kids to release some energy.
- Diesel Barbershop

   (dieselbarbershop.com)
   A local barbershop
   for hair and beard care.









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#### WANT TO MAKE OUR STREETS BRIGHTER?

Based on our SCCO Neighbor Survey, we know many of our neighbors would love to see MORE STREET LIGHTS on at night. Generally, street lights in residential neighborhoods should be at least 400 feet apart to justify adding a new light; however, an investigation will be made to determine if circumstances such as street profile, alignment, or intersections warrant closer spacing.

#### Process to Request New Lighting:

- 1. A petition form for obtaining a new street light on a residential street may be obtained by calling the Street Lighting Section at 214-671-8973.
- 2. The petition will list the address of all property owners within 100 feet of the proposed location of the light.
- 3. Any cost related to the installation would be at requesters' expense.

Contact Laurie Johnson to learn more!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCOUTS!

Congratulations to these Cub Scouts from Pack 570 who completed "Arrow of Light" and are crossing over into Scouts BSA.

- Brady Baker
- Maxfield Clayton
- Cullen Crowell
- Michael Harwell
- Carter Jackson
- Brody Moore
- Augie Staats



Cub Scouts Pack 570 is sponsored by Spring Creek Civic Organization and is open to all boys in K-5th grade. Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) is for boys in Grade 6+.



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# RESOURCES, CONTACTS, & WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED!

### **ADVERTISE WITH US!**



Reach 478 Single-Family homes within the Spring Creek neighborhood, 4x a year in print and 24x a year virtually for as low as \$0.10/household!

By advertising with SCCO, you're not only reaching your desired consumer, but you'll be contributing to the improvement of a local neighborhood and community your business is located in.

Email scco@springcreekdfw.com for advertising inquiries!

## **CURRENT SCCO BOARD**

PRESIDENT

Laurie Johnson

MEMBERSHIP

BLOCK CHAIRMAN

Stacy Harwell

Melinda Miles

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

SOCIAL

Malissa El-Yundi

Gregg & Alison Thorsen

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TREASURER

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** 

Krystal Hurst

Nick McQueen

Suzanne Nobles

#### **VOLUNTEER IN PATROL**

Dorothy Wernsman

To see a complete list of block captians, visit springcreekdfw.com!

Want to contribute news to our quarterly newsletter? Have an article you'd like to share? Email us at scco@springcreekdfw.com!

## The Breedlove Group Properties for Sale!

Are you thinking about a move? Please call us to discuss your options! Our market is becoming a little more balanced so it is easier to make that move now. Bridge loans and contingency offers can make it possible!



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