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### POPNA Rough Riders

*A Fun Night Out at the Ballpark!*



It was a fun night at the ballpark! Neighbors enjoyed time together, great baseball, and the Frisco Roughriders Lazy River on July 12th. Thanks to all who attended for making it a memorable evening.

### Membership Drive

*It's not too late to join!*

There's still time to join for the 2022 year! Stay connected and in-the-know with what is happening in our neighborhood by signing up and joining our email list and Facebook group ("POPNA"). Your annual membership donation of \$50 dollars will help us put the finishing touches on the new and improved Arapaho Park and provide funds for the beautification of our neighborhood and creek, seasonal social events, POPNA news and communications, and other community projects that keep our neighborhood healthy and property values strong.

#### Joining or Renewing your Membership is Easy.

Register and pay online at [www.popna.org](http://www.popna.org). This is our preferred method for membership, as it allows you to take advantage of our membership directory.

To handwrite your registration, provide your first and last name, property address, email address, phone number, and full names and contact information for any additional household members who should be listed under your membership. Include your \$50 donation (cash or check made payable to POPNA) and deliver to: Rebecca Wilkins, 14934 Lacehaven Circle. Please note that it could take up to four weeks for checks to process.

Email [membership@popna.org](mailto:membership@popna.org) with any questions about renewing your membership.



# Upcoming Social Events for 2022

Exact dates and times are TBD. Please visit POPNA.org or the POPNA's Facebook page for updated information.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Popsicles in the Park</b> Come join us for a cold treat and play date as we kick off a new school year!	9:30-10:30am
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Night Out Location TBD	7:30pm
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Pizza at the Park	5:30pm
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Chili Cook-off	TBD



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a big need for volunteers this year! If you are willing to help, please let us know. Both long-term and short-term volunteers are greatly appreciated. Here's to 2022!



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## Yard of the Month

**Congratulations Wilkins Family!**



Congratulations to the Wilkins Family at 14934 Lacehaven Circle for winning our June Calloway's Yard of the Month!

A new yard will be chosen quarterly and the winner will be presented with a decorative yard sign for display indicating their winning yard, a posting and photo on POPNA's website, Facebook, and newsletter. In addition, winners receive a \$25 gift card from Calloway's. To nominate a winner, email Katee Brennan at Brennan.katee@gmail.com. Check out Calloway's gardening tips on our Facebook group and POPNA.org.



# Upcoming Halloween Decorating Contest

## Trick or Treat

**Can Your Spooky Decor be Beat?**

**All POPNA Haunted Houses will be judged the week of October 24th**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes will be awarded!!**

## Prestonwood Estates East/POPNA

### Mid-Year Comparative Crime Stats:

January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Occurrence End Year: 2022	Address	Street	Description
6/9/2022 9:00	71xx	Town Bluff	Theft
6/4/2022 9:55	149xx	Knollview	Theft
5/17/2022 5:02	72xx	Hillwood	Theft
4/7/2022 12:19	72xx	Tophill	Theft
3/3/2022 13:00	71xx	Winterwood	Burglary-Res.
1/1/2022 3:13	74xx	Winterwood	BMV
<b>Year: 2021</b>			
12/9/2021 16:15	72xx	Fernmeadow	Theft
11/25/2021 7:15	149xx	Knollview	BMV
11/9/2021 7:15	71xx	Hunters Ridge	Vandalism
11/9/2021 4:45	72xx	Tophill	BMV
10/30/2021 5:10	73xx	Tophill	Theft (Auto Acc)
10/14/2021 8:00	70xx	Town Bluff	BMV
6/4/2021 0:25	71xx	Roundrock	Theft
6/3/2021 4:00	73xx	Winterwood	BMV
5/1/2021 5:40	71xx	Winterwood	UUMV
4/27/2021 9:00	149xx	Knollview	BMV
2/5/2021 7:00	74xx	Lynworth	UUMV
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**BMV - burglary of a motor vehicle/theft inside a vehicle**

**UUMV - entire vehicle was stolen**

**THEFT (Auto Acc) - accessory item stolen from vehicle**

**THEFT - personal property**

Neighbors, the report for this year does not reflect all the thefts that occurred; they were not all reported to 911 and police reports were not filed. It's important to file a police report, even if over the phone, so the statistics are accurate. This could help our neighborhood get more police coverage when the officers are patrolling the streets. File a police report before you report the incident on Nextdoor.

## BARKING DOGS

If your dog goes outside during the night, please be considerate of your neighbors who may be sleeping, and get the dog back in the house promptly if it starts to bark.



CITY OF DALLAS MAXIMUM TWICE-WEEKLY

# WATERING SCHEDULE

**TIME-OF-DAY WATERING RESTRICTION CURRENTLY IN EFFECT!**  
Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is strictly prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1st - October 31st.

Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays & Wednesdays
No address numbers	Sundays & Thursdays

**\*Note the City of Dallas has put a watering restriction in effect.**

\*Bulk trash can go out beginning the first or second Thursday of the month for a 9-day period.

### Dates for remainder of 2022:

August 4-12

September 8-16

October 6-14

November 10-18

December 8-16

\*Call Oncor (888-313-4747) for power outages or visit the website tracker at [stormcenter.oncor.com](http://stormcenter.oncor.com)

## Finding solutions for your financial need.



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### **NEVER Leave Your Child Alone in a Car**

Don't risk your child's life by leaving them in the car. A child's body can heat up five times faster than an adult's and even in cooler weather, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. On a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees above the outside temperature in just 10 minutes or less.

- Make a habit of checking your vehicle before leaving it. **Look before you lock!**
- Keep a stuffed animal or other reminders next to you in the car as a cue that your child is with you.
- If you ever see a child alone in a car, **dial 9-1-1 immediately!**

### **DON'T FORGET our Furry Friends**

- Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so make sure you take precautions to keep your pet safe.
- Give your pet plenty of water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure to fill their water bowl before you leave.
- Make sure they have a shady place to get out of the sun.
- Be careful not to over-exercise your pet. Too much playtime in the hot sun is dangerous for them.
- Hot asphalt and tar can burn sensitive paw pads, walk your pet on grass or dirt when possible.
- Keep your pet indoors when it's extremely hot outside.
- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET IN A CAR!** Pets can overheat in minutes so don't put them at risk! Leave them home during hot weather.

Source: [www.atcems.org](http://www.atcems.org)

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by Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

Ever wonder what people think when they see the front of your home? In essence, your home's curb appeal is like a cover of a book leading a pathway to what's inside the home. If you're anything like me, your home's curb appeal matters. Not only will it increase your home's value, but it will also provide an enjoyable aesthetic to those around you.

When the aesthetic and functional aspects of curb appeal collide, something really beautiful happens. Read on for some inspirational tips to enhance your home's curb appeal.

**House Numbers.** House numbers can be an important factor in the event of an emergency. Highlighting your address can help EMS find your home quickly and could potentially save a life. Additionally, blending the house numbers with your home's outer aesthetic by matching colors, texture, and lighting can go a long way with little expense.

**Fix it Up.** Taking care of small repairs will make a big difference to your curb appeal. Take a stroll around the outside of your home and notate any burned out light bulbs, chipped paint, etc. then get to work fixing them.

**Design a Pathway.** Designing a pathway from the street to your front door can do wonders for your curb appeal. Something as simple as adding stepping stones makes your home appear more inviting. If you already have a sidewalk, try adding a pathway of lights to illuminate the night.

**Add Color.** Adding pops of color provides a beautiful array of interest to your overall aesthetic. If you don't have room for planters, consider adding hanging plants to add color to the exterior. You may be surprised at what a difference it makes to your home's appearance.

**Outdoor Furniture.** It's important to find a good balance when using outdoor furniture. Too much furniture can make it look cluttered, while too little can make it look neglected. Consider flower and plant colors and do your best to help them blend together with the furniture you choose.

These are just a few ways to enhance your home's curb appeal.

**If you would like to submit some pictures of your project for the next newsletter, please email:**

[MyNewsletter@NeighborhoodNews.com](mailto:MyNewsletter@NeighborhoodNews.com)



## Watch out for Scammers at your door!

It's not unusual in our neighborhood for door-to-door salespeople to ring your doorbell. But beware — not all these people are honest. Some are trying to scam you, and others may be casing your house for a possible burglary.

It pays to be cautious with “unsolicited solicitors.” Your first line of defense is not to answer the door, but if you do, beware of their sales pitches. One ploy is to give a couple of first names of neighbors that they say have contracted with them to do work such as pest control or security system installation. They probably think you will be influenced by your neighbors supposedly working with these people, but what they're saying is almost certainly false.

One neighbor had a salesman who supposedly was representing one security system company badmouth another one. That's another red flag: unprofessional behavior.

The bottom line is that there are better ways to find someone to do work for you than picking someone who just walks up to your door. Online resources are practically endless, and that includes reviews of companies and their work. And there's always the old standby: asking neighbors and friends who has done good work for them. You don't have to take a chance on a stranger who comes to your door.

Posting a “No soliciting” sign (they're available at hardware and other stores) by your front door is one way to discourage these folks, though it doesn't always work. If the person really seems fishy, you can notify the police on their non-emergency line: (210) 207-7273. They will send an officer to drive through the neighborhood to look for the solicitor. Based on anecdotal evidence, though, many times the solicitor is gone by the time the police arrive.

The Federal Trade Commission does have a Cooling Off Rule, which gives you three days to cancel certain sales made at your home. By law, the seller must tell you about that right at the time of the sale and give you two copies of a cancellation form and a copy of your contract or receipt. For details, go to:

[Consumer.ftc.gov](http://Consumer.ftc.gov)

Of course, you're unlikely to get this information from a scammer or fly-by-night company. Another red flag.

Always exercise caution when someone you don't know comes to your door!

# Recently SOLD!

If you are interested in **SELLING** or want to find how much your property is worth, please contact us today!



**Erika Pierce 214-797-6138 [OR] Cesar Hernandez 214-334-8599**



## LAWN MAINTENANCE

Please be a responsible neighbor and keep up with the maintenance of your lawn. Help keep the neighborhood looking great by maintaining your yard with frequent mowing and trimming.



## Call Before You Dig

Summer is notorious for outdoor projects. The warm weather provides ideal conditions to paint, build, and plant. Before embarking on your next summer project, please make sure you contact 811 before your shovel hits the ground. Unintentional contact with underground utilities can lead to costly repairs for homeowners.

### What's Buried Underground May Surprise You

#### Natural Gas

Natural gas lines are one of the scariest and deadliest risks of all underground equipment. Natural gas can cause explosions that could destroy your home, and cause damage to the homes of your neighbors.

#### Telecom

Telephone land lines, fiber optic cables, and cable tv equipment is all buried under our feet. A simple call to 8-1-1 will ensure that where you are planning to dig is fine and you will not be causing the entire neighborhood to experience an outage.

#### Water & Sewer

If your sewer has ever backed up, you know it's not a fun time. Cracking a water or sewer line with your shovel is the worst because it is very expensive to repair. Save yourself some stress and protect your wallet by inquiring about the location of underground utilities on your property.

#### Myths about Hand Tools

Some people may believe that since they are digging with a hand tool that a call to 8-1-1 is unnecessary. However, this could not be further from the truth. According to Texas811.org, more than 80% of damaged gas lines involve hand tools used by residents who skipped the 8-1-1 call.

According to CommonGroundAlliance.com (2022), 34.9 million people in the United States will skip this vital step before digging. This will result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, serious harm to homeowners and nearby neighbors, and significant repair costs.

Today, requesting this free service can be done online at TXhop. Texas811.org by filling out a simple form a few days before you plan to dig on your property. This will give the time needed for them to contact local utilities and make them aware of your intent to dig. Utility companies will visit your home address and mark areas containing underground equipment and cables with either paint or flags.

Remember, calling is a critical step prior to any project. Help keep your family and neighbors safe from potential exposure to harm by not skipping this vital step before your next project.

Resources:

- Texas811.org
- CommonGroundAlliance.com

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# PICKLEBALL

## All About Pickleball

### *It's kinda a Big Dill*

By Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

Pickleball. Enough said. Seriously though, pickleball has become a favorite pastime for millions of people across the country. The sport was first invented in 1965, so it has been around for a while. No one really knows why it has gained so much traction over the past few years, but with few rules and even less equipment, pickleball is a way of life for many.

Pickleball combines three common games including tennis, ping pong, and badminton. Players utilize a plastic ball with holes and a paddle to play. There are only 5 main rules to pickleball thereby making it an easy game to learn and does not require strenuous physical activity, which is great!

Below are the five rules of pickleball. I've expanded on the nuances to give you a competitive advantage in the sport.

#### Rule #1: The ball must stay inbounds.

Like most sports that involve a ball, if the ball is hit out of bounds, then the other team gets the serve. Do not be discouraged if this happens to your team. There is a bright side to hitting the ball out of bounds. With the other team serving, your team has a better chance at net of returning your opponent's serve to score more points. Some say the most points are won in this scenario.

#### Rule #2: Two-bounce Rule (one bounce per side)

Rule number two is typically the most forgotten rule of the game. When serving the ball, it must bounce only once before your opponent's team returns the ball, then can only bounce once when the server's side returns the ball. After these two bounces, the two-bound rule is complete, and players can play the ball in the air or let it bounce moving forward.

#### Rule #3: Serving at the baseline.

This is the most important rule of the game. Officially, the serve must be done at the baseline. Pickleball regulations state that the serve must be an underhand serve with the ball held below the waistline. As of January 1, 2022, the drop serve is no longer provisional and is now an official rule of the game.

The serve must be sent diagonally to the opposite side of the court. Failure to follow this rule results in a fault, and the serve goes to your teammate, or directly to the opponent if you are playing singles.

#### Rule #4: The serve can't land in the no-volley zone.

The no-volley zone is the area on both sides of the net that is inside the lined box found 7 feet from the net. Some players call this area the 'kitchen line', so if you hear someone say, 'stay out of the kitchen', you now know what that means. Serves must go beyond the no volley zone, or 'kitchen line'. Just remember the ball must bounce once on each side before dropping the ball 'in the kitchen'.

#### Rule #5: The game ends at 11 or 15 points.

Pickleball ends when one team reaches 11 points. However, the winner must beat their opponent by at least 2 points. So, if one team has 11 and the other team has 10, the game continues. Typically, teams switch sides of the court halfway through the game.

Pickleball is a fun sport that doesn't require strong physical exertion. Make sure you check out the new 2022 Pickleball Rule Changes at: [www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/10-pickleball-rule-changes-to-learn-for-2022](http://www.pickleballuniversity.com/home/10-pickleball-rule-changes-to-learn-for-2022)

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As students go back to school please be aware of school bus rules, respect the speed limits posted as children will be learning about their bus stops, crossing the roads, and walking to and from school. Please take extra caution.

**Traffic laws of stopping for school buses cited on  
[www.dps.texas.gov](http://www.dps.texas.gov)**

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction on a roadway – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.



## Back to School

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