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# Nichols Park

## Neighborhood Association Newsletter

www.NicholsPark.org

Winter 2012

## Stage 3 Water Restrictions

The City of Irving has implemented Stage 3 water restrictions as part of the city's drought contingency plan. The new restrictions, which became effective January 1st, permit Irving water customers to irrigate once per week on designated days according to the street number address.

### Residential watering:

- Even-numbered addresses may water on Saturday only
- Odd-numbered addresses may water on Sunday only

### Industrial, commercial and multifamily watering:

- Even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday only
- Odd-numbered addresses may water on Wednesday only

- No irrigation may occur Monday, Thursday or Friday
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day
- Building foundations, trees and landscaping may be watered by hand-held hose, soaker hose, bucket or drip irrigation for a maximum of two hours on the designated watering day

Residents or businesses observed violating the Stage 3 irrigation restrictions are subject to a warning from Code Enforcement or Water Utilities. After the initial warning, offenders will receive a fine of up to \$2,000. Cooperation with the restrictions will help ensure water is available for domestic use, sanitation and fire protection. For more information, visit [www.cityofirving.org](http://www.cityofirving.org) or call (972) 721-2281.

## 2012 NPNA Dates to Note

Spring General Meeting - March 20th  
7:00 p.m. at Episcopal Church of The Redeemer

Neighborhood Garage Sale - May 4th, 5th, 6th

Spring Picnic - May 19th  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Nichols Park

Fall General Meeting Sept 11th  
7:00 p.m. at Episcopal Church of The Redeemer

Chili Cook-off & Trunk or Treat - October 27th  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Nichols Park

### Your NPNA Board of Directors:

Pete Miller, President  
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Trunk-or-Treaters having fun at the Fall Festival

All aboard! A train ride with Boogie Woogie Choo Choo

Harry and Sarah, volunteer caretakers of Nichols Park gardens

## Tips on How to Prevent Home Burglary

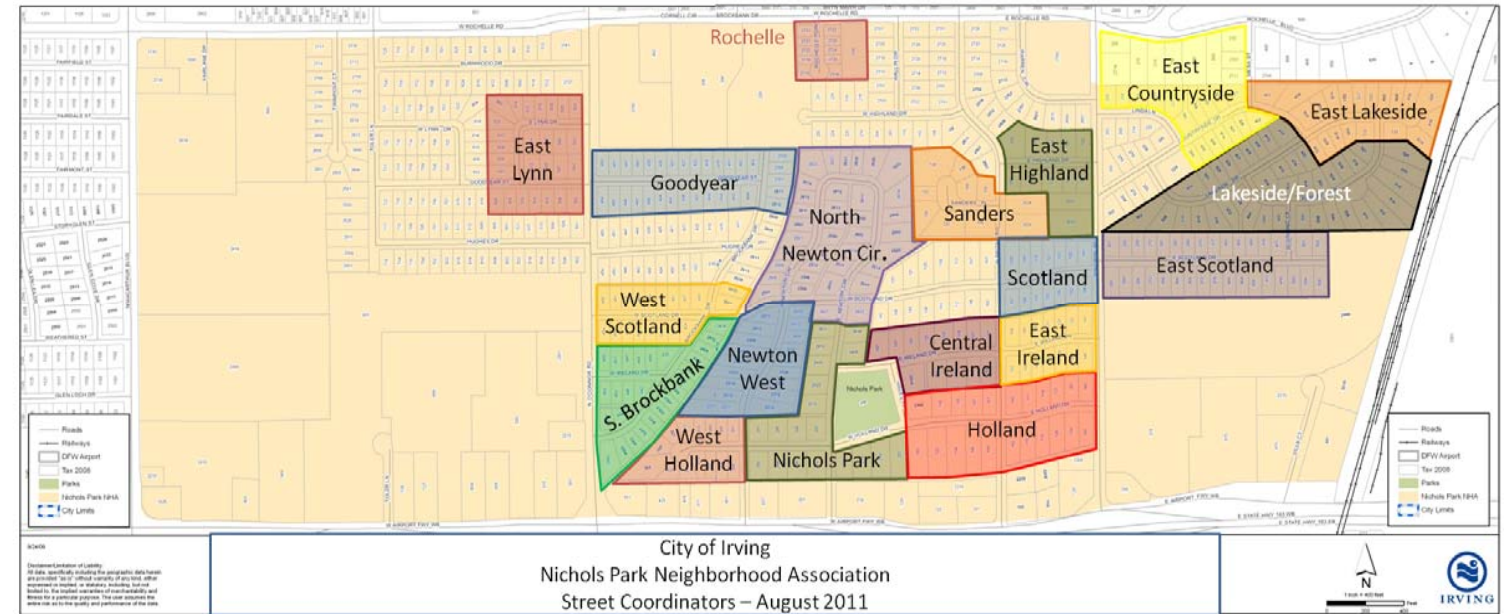
By far, the most common threat to our home is burglary. According to the FBI, a burglary occurs somewhere in the United States every 15.4 seconds. The majority of home and apartment burglaries occur during the daytime when most people are away at work or school. Prime burglary hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Although home burglaries may seem random in occurrence, they actually involve a selection process. Burglars choose an unoccupied home with the easiest access, the greatest amount of cover, and with the best escape routes. Here is a list of suggestions to minimize your risk.

- Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism
- Use a heavy-duty, four-screw, strike plate with 3 inch screws to penetrate into a wooden door frame
- Use a wide-angle 160° peephole mounted no higher than 58 inches
- Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors
- Use anti-lift devices such as through-the-door pins or upper track screws on sliding doors

- Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices
- Block accessible windows open no more than 6 inches for ventilation
- Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door
- Use crime prevention or alarm decals on ground accessible windows
- Alarm systems are effective deterrents with visible signage
- Alarm systems must be properly installed, programmed and maintained
- Alarm systems need to have an audible horn or bell to be effective
- Instruct your neighbor how to respond to an alarm bell
- Identify your valuables by engraving with your drivers' license number
- Photograph and record the serial numbers of all valuables
- Photocopy the contents of your wallet and other documents
- Agree to watch out for each other's home
- Do small tasks for each other to improve territoriality
- While on vacation, pick up newspapers, and flyers

## NPNA Street Coordinators Needed

The sections that are not highlighted on the map below need street coordinators. If you live in one of these areas, please consider volunteering for that role. You may contact us at nicholspark@yahoo.com.



## NPNA Crime Watch Meeting

Our first Crime watch meeting of 2012 was a great success! Special guests from the Irving Police Department were Lieutenant Charles Meeks and Captain John Rodriguez, our Crime Watch commander. The main topic of discussion was the new CrimeReports.com website which is accessible to the public. Thanks to everyone who attended.

### Safety of the neighborhood is our Number 1 goal.

- Keep your doors and windows locked, and don't open the door to strangers.
- Get you know your neighbors and be watchful for those who may not belong.
- Report suspicious persons and vehicles to the police.
- Irving Police non-emergency numbers are (972) 721-2518 or (972) 273-1010, but don't hesitate to call 911 as needed.

## CrimeReports.com

The Irving Police Department has partnered with CrimeReports.com to allow residents the ability to view crime data online and receive crime updates via email. This new crime mapping service compiles crime information and marks the location of occurrences on a map which can be viewed by going to [www.cityofirving.org/police](http://www.cityofirving.org/police).

CrimeReports.com offers many different tools residents can use in order to customize the information they receive and view. Please visit the police website and access CrimeReports.com in order to create and account and sign up to receive email alerts.

